

# Supplementary Materials: Cyclooxygenase-Inhibiting Platinum(IV) Prodrugs with Potent Anticancer Activity

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## 1. Flash Chromatography

**Table S1.** The flash chromatography conditions for 1–4, including flow rates, gradients and elution of complexes represented by column volume (CV).

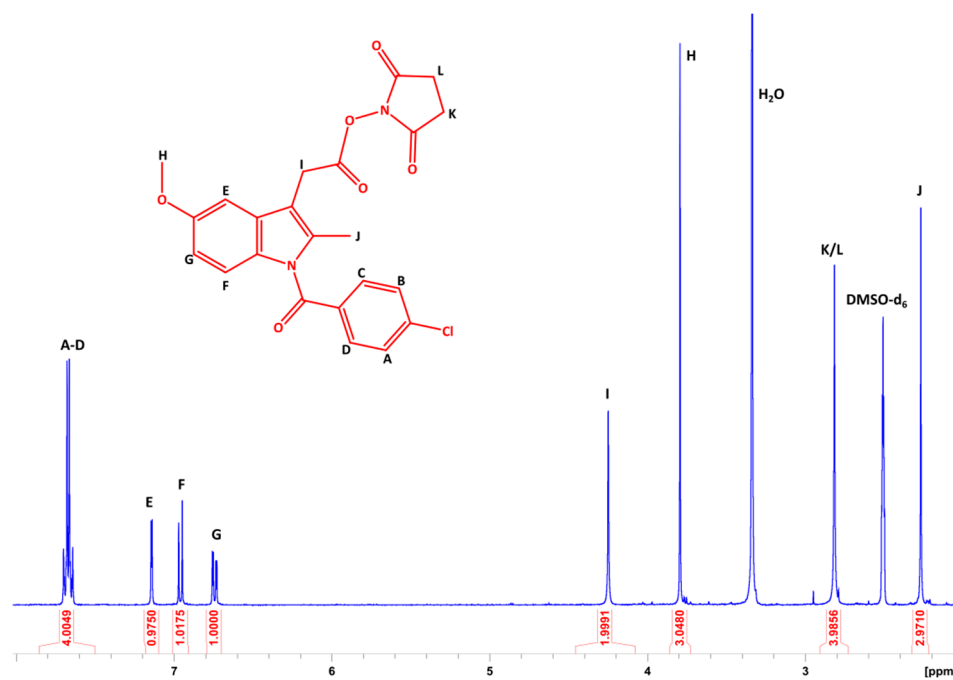
Complex	Flowrate (mL/min)	Gradient (% MeOH (B)) over various CVs	Elution of complex (CV)
[Pt(Phen)(SSDACH)(Indomethacin)(OH)](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (1)	4	0% B for 4 CV 0–35% B for 3 CV 35–42% B for 5 CV	9–11
[Pt(56Me <sub>2</sub> Phen)(SSDACH)(Indomethacin)(OH)](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (2)	4	0% B for 8 CV 0–35% B for 3 CV 35–42% B for 6 CV	14–16
[Pt(Phen)(SSDACH)(Aspirin)(OH)](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (3)	4	0% B for 6 CV 0–20% B for 5 CV	8–10
[Pt(56Me <sub>2</sub> Phen)(SSDACH)(Aspirin)(OH)](NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (4)	4	0% B for 10 CV 0–20% B for 6 CV	13–15

## 2. Cellular Accumulation

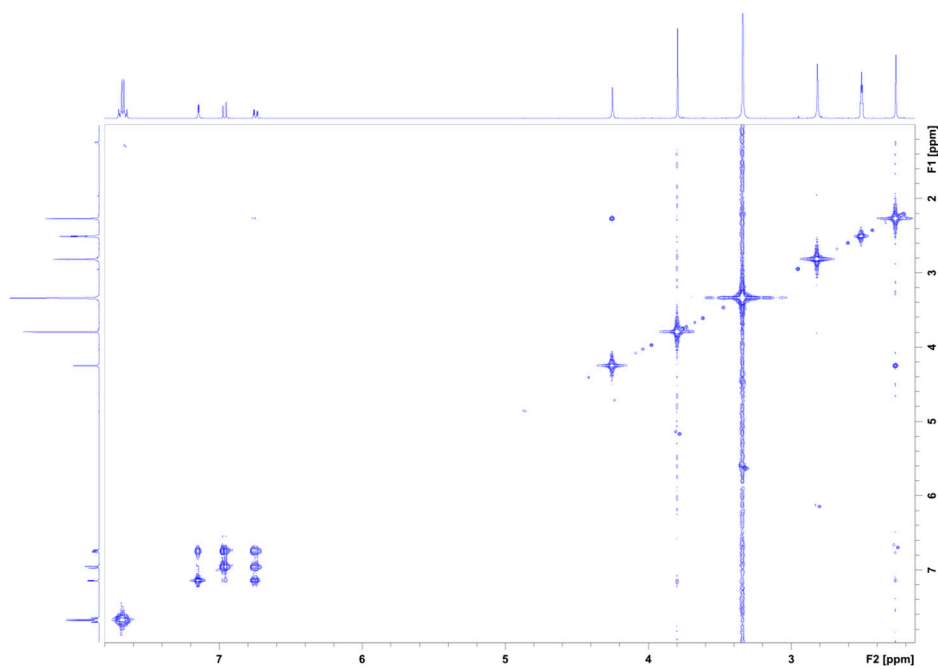
**Table S2.** The number of cells per well for each cell line and replicate.

Replicate	Cell line	Number of cells per well
1	A2780	$3.20 \times 10^5$
	ADDP	$3.05 \times 10^5$
2	A2780	$3.55 \times 10^5$
	ADDP	$3.60 \times 10^5$
3	A2780	$4.50 \times 10^5$
	ADDP	$4.80 \times 10^5$

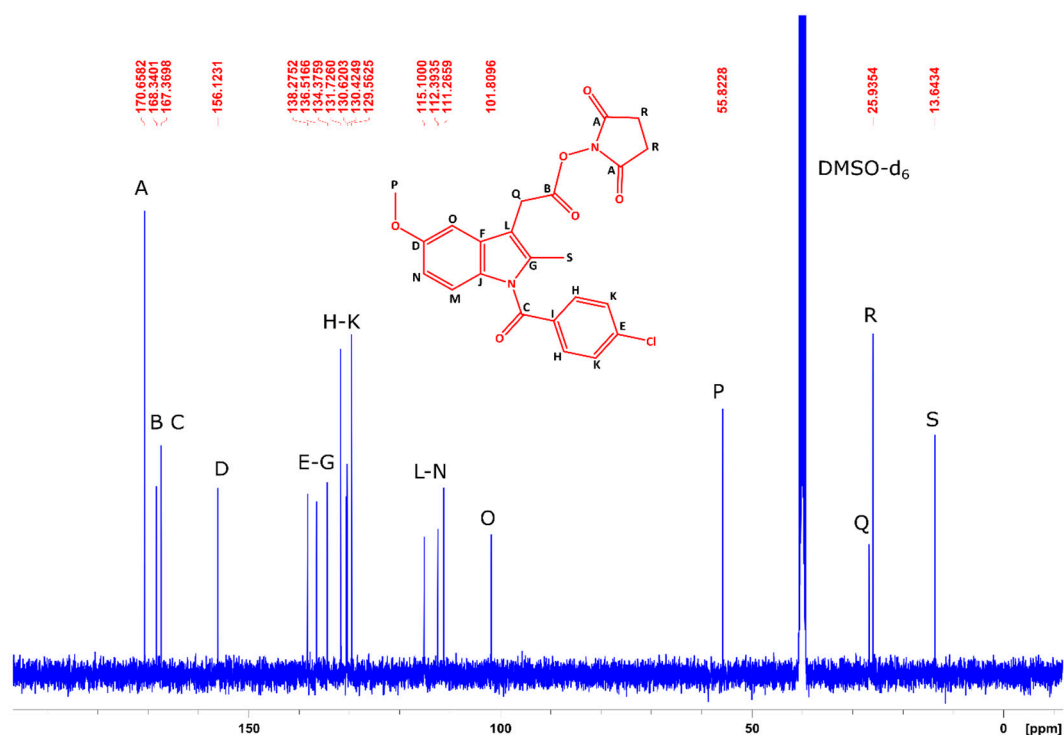
### 3. NMR Spectra



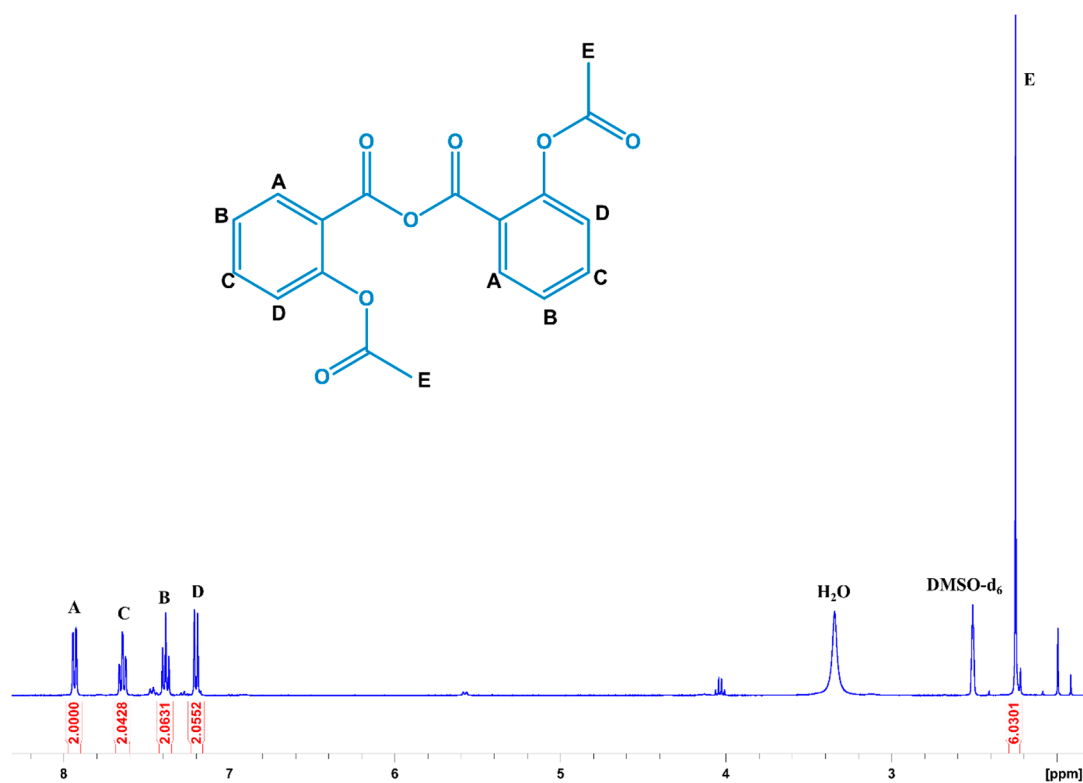
**Figure S1.** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of indomethacin-NHS ester in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> at 298 K. Insert: The chemical structure of indomethacin-NHS ester with assigned numbering.



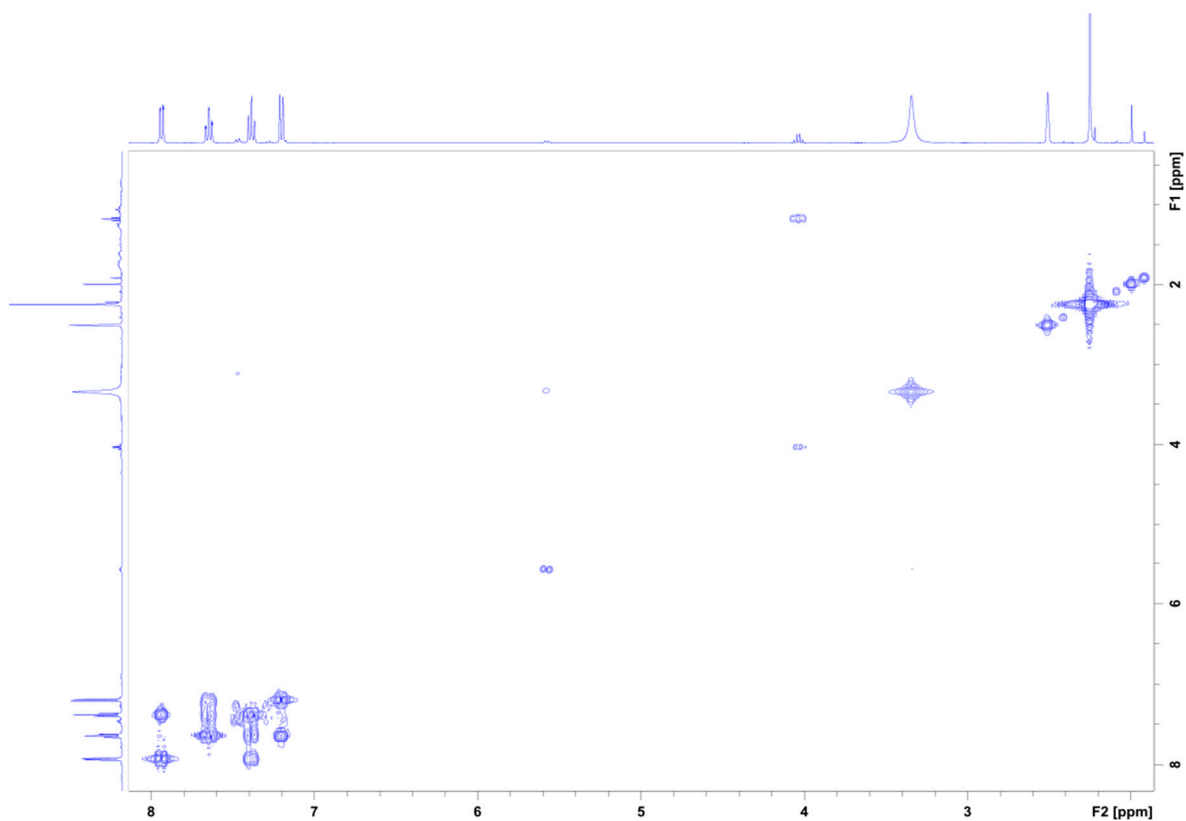
**Figure S2.** The COSY NMR spectrum of indomethacin-NHS ester in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> at 298 K.



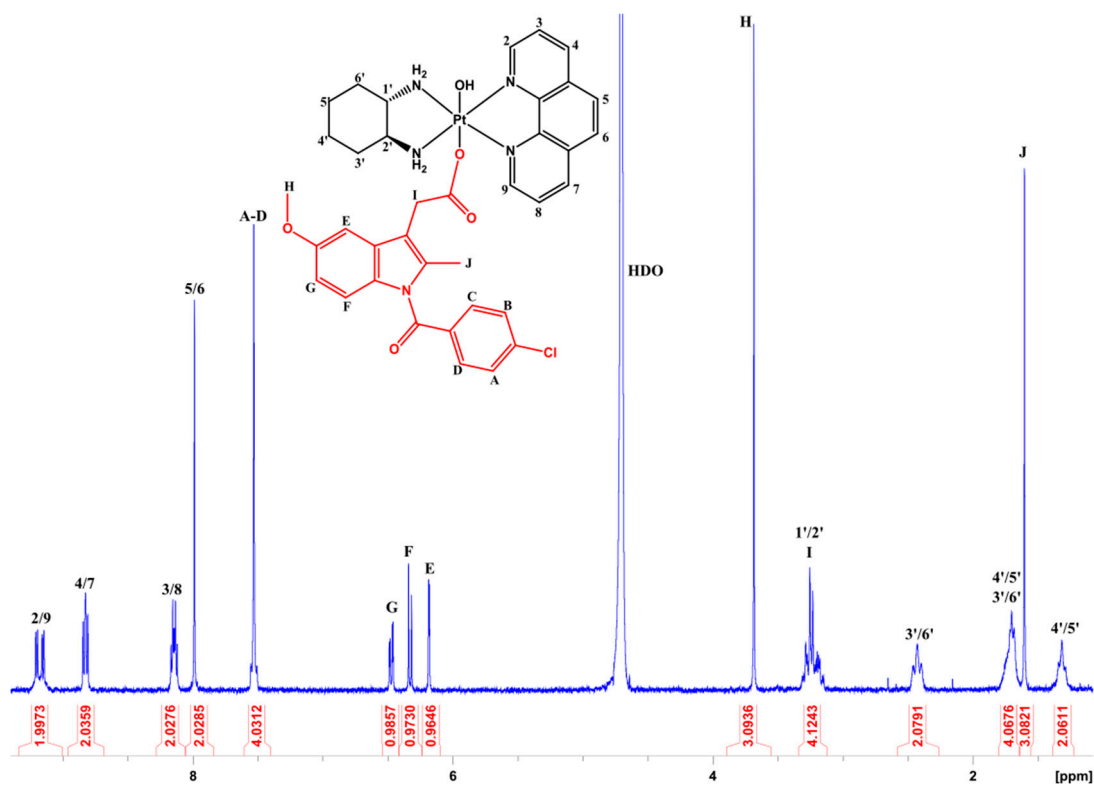
**Figure S3.** The  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of indomethacin-NHS ester in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 298 K. Insert: The chemical structure of indomethacin-NHS ester with assigned numbering.



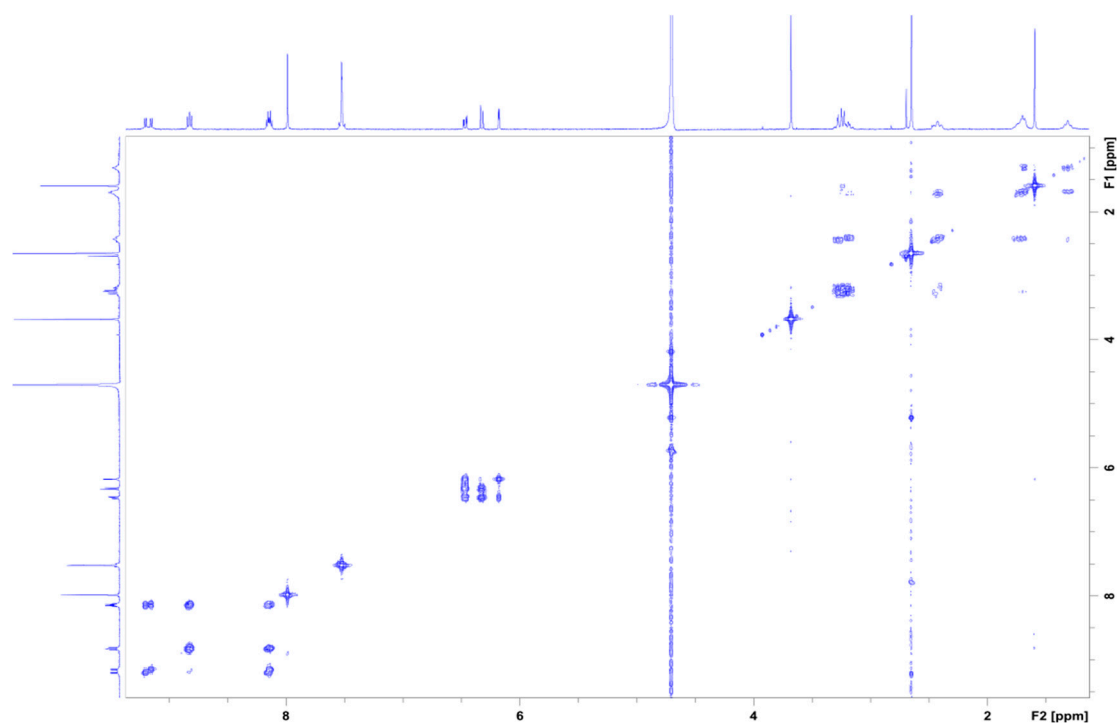
**Figure S4.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of aspirin anhydride in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at 298 K. Insert: The chemical structure of aspirin anhydride with assigned numbering.



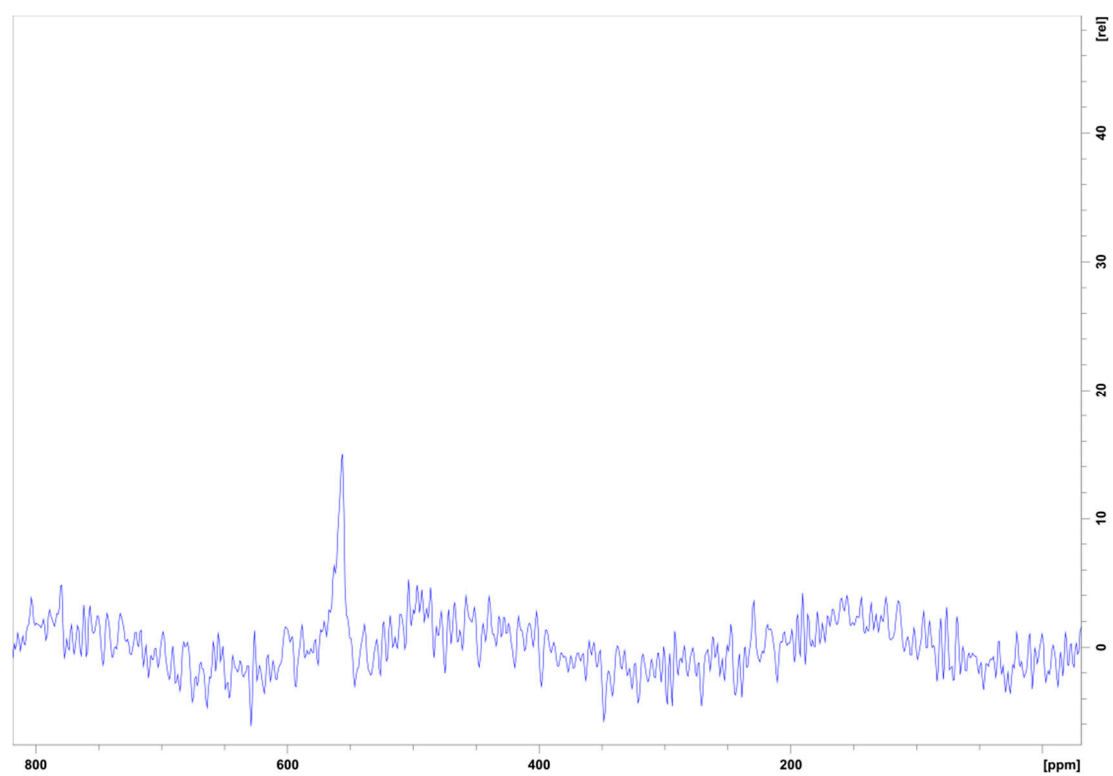
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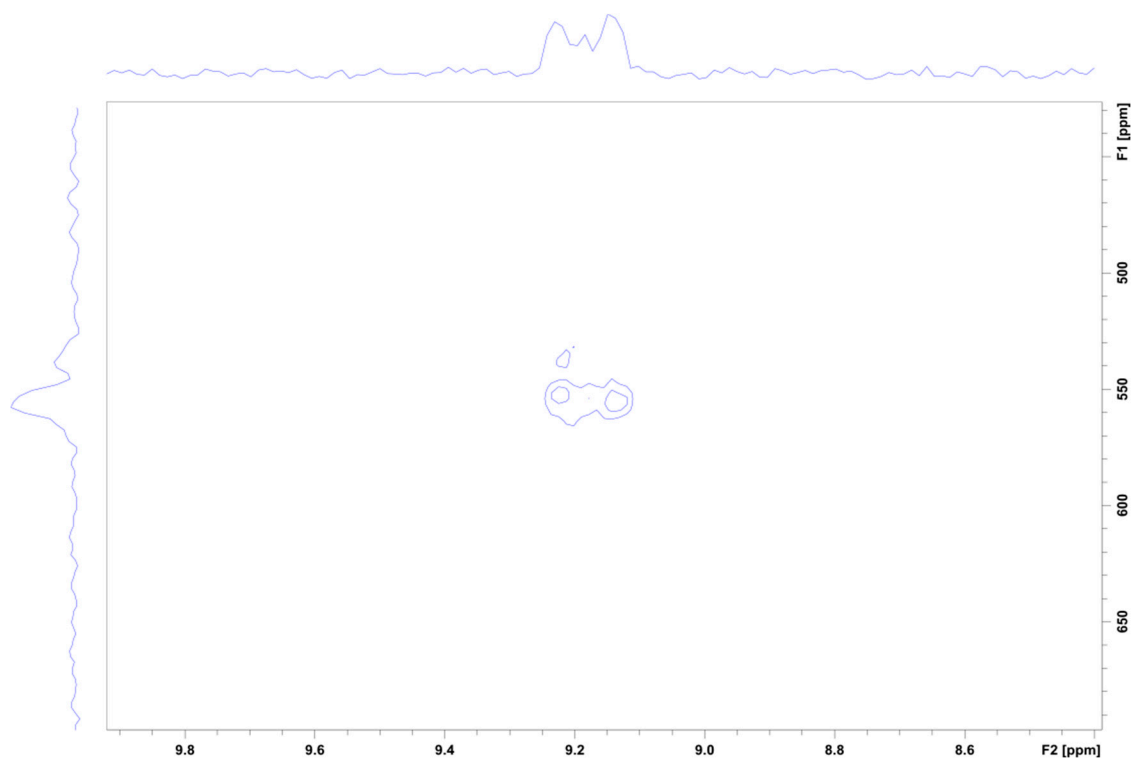
**Figure S6.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Indomethacin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**1**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K. Insert: The chemical structure of **1** with assigned numbering.



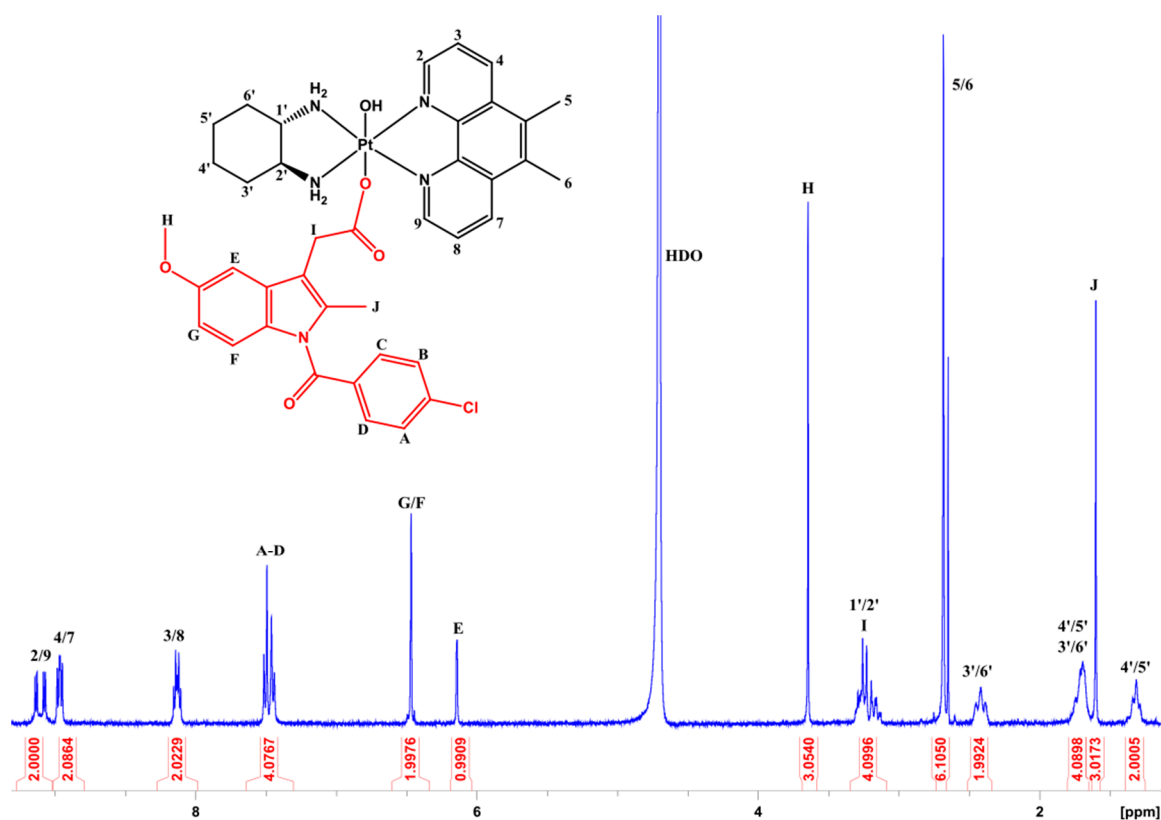
**Figure S7.** The COSY NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Indomethacin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**1**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K.



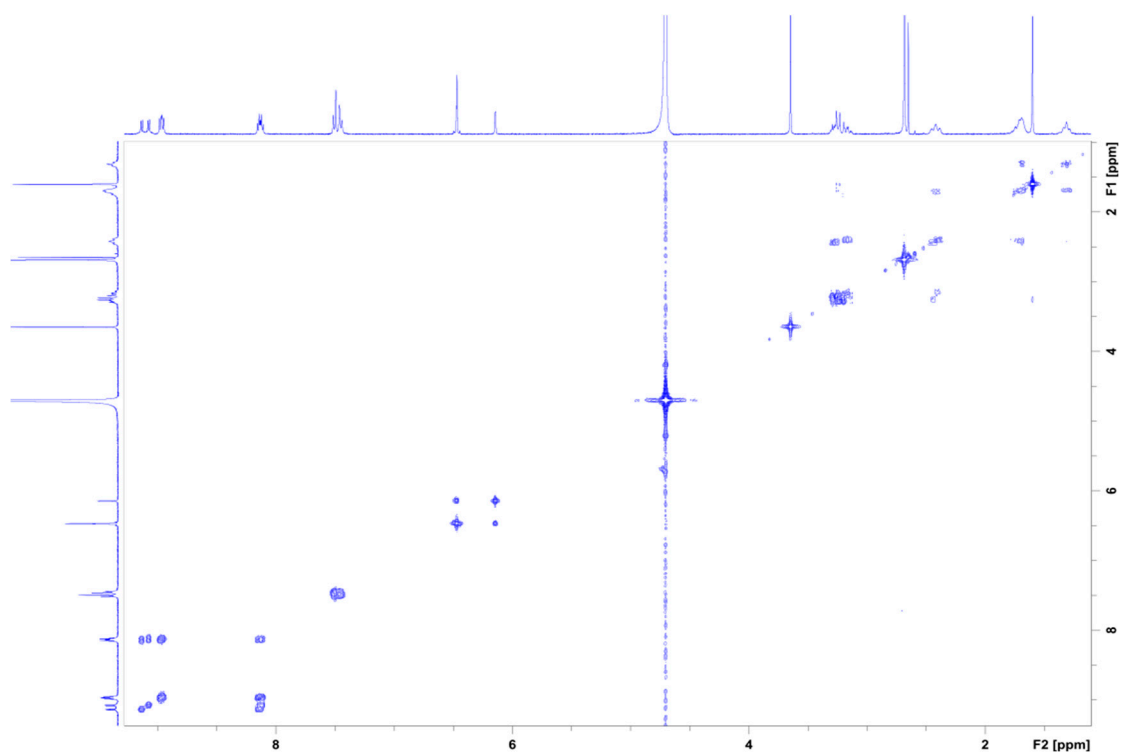
**Figure S8.** The  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Indomethacin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**1**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K, showing a peak at 557 ppm.



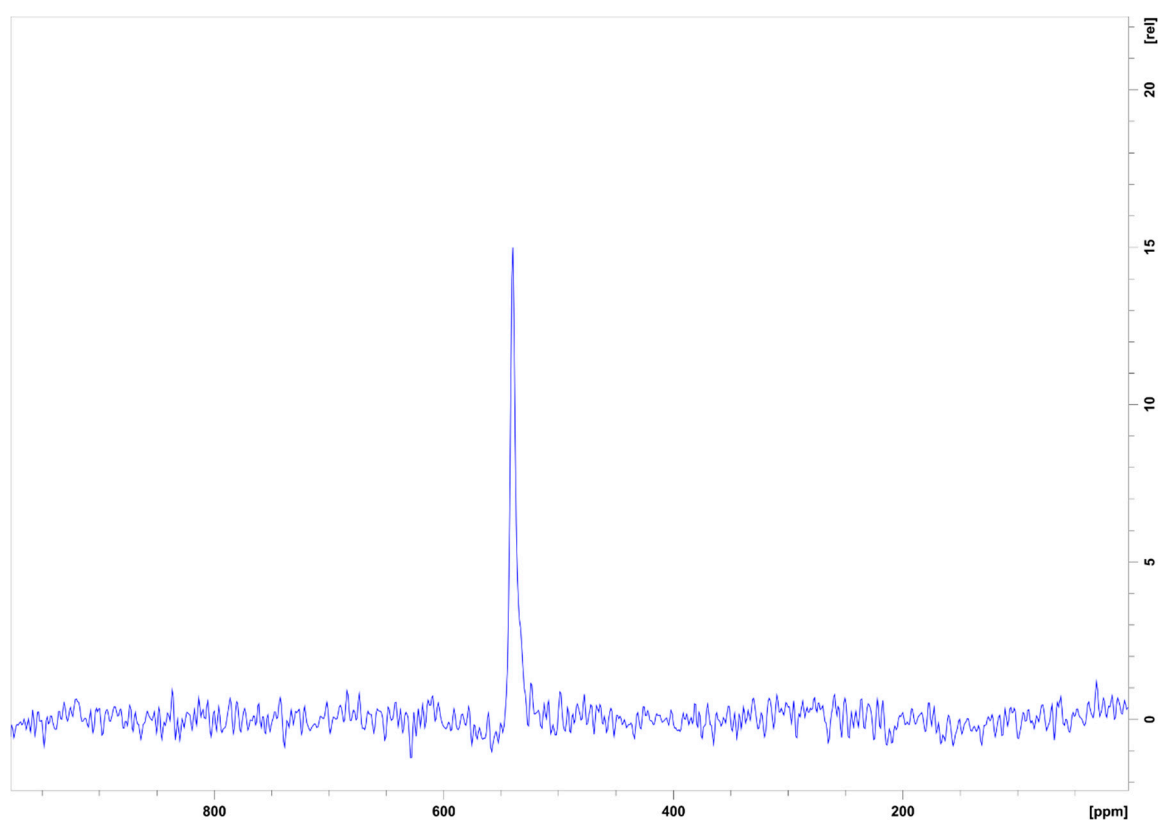
**Figure S9.** The  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{195}\text{Pt}$  HMQC NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Indomethacin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**1**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K.



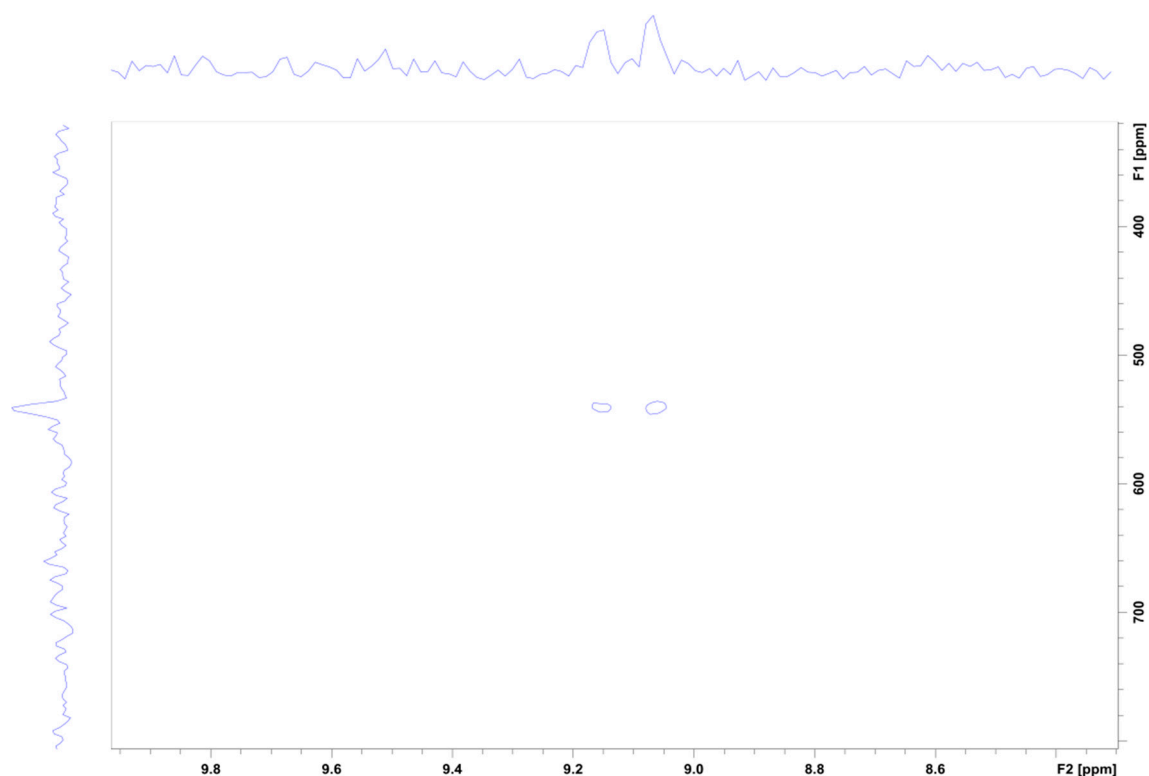
**Figure S10.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(56\text{Me}_2\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Indomethacin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**2**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K. Insert: The chemical structure of **2** with assigned numbering.



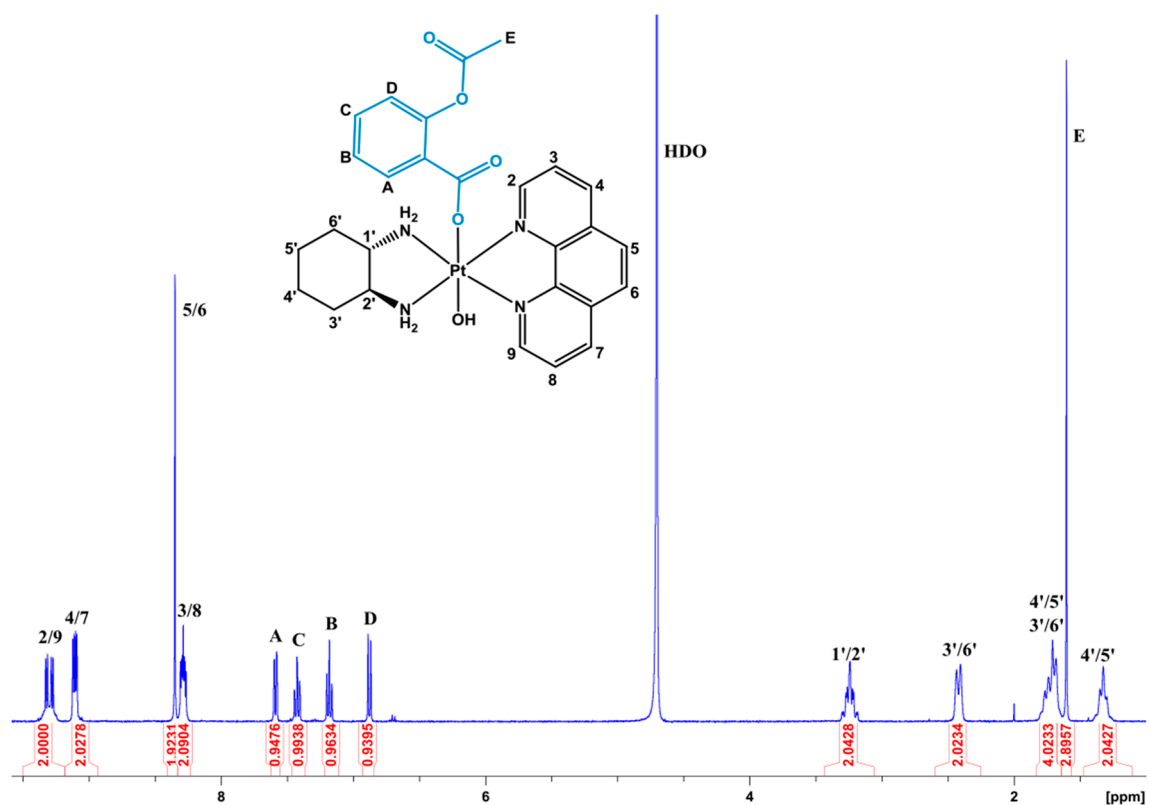
**Figure S11.** The COSY NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{56Me}_2\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Indomethacin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**2**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K.



**Figure S12.** The  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{56Me}_2\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Indomethacin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**2**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K, showing a peak at 540 ppm.

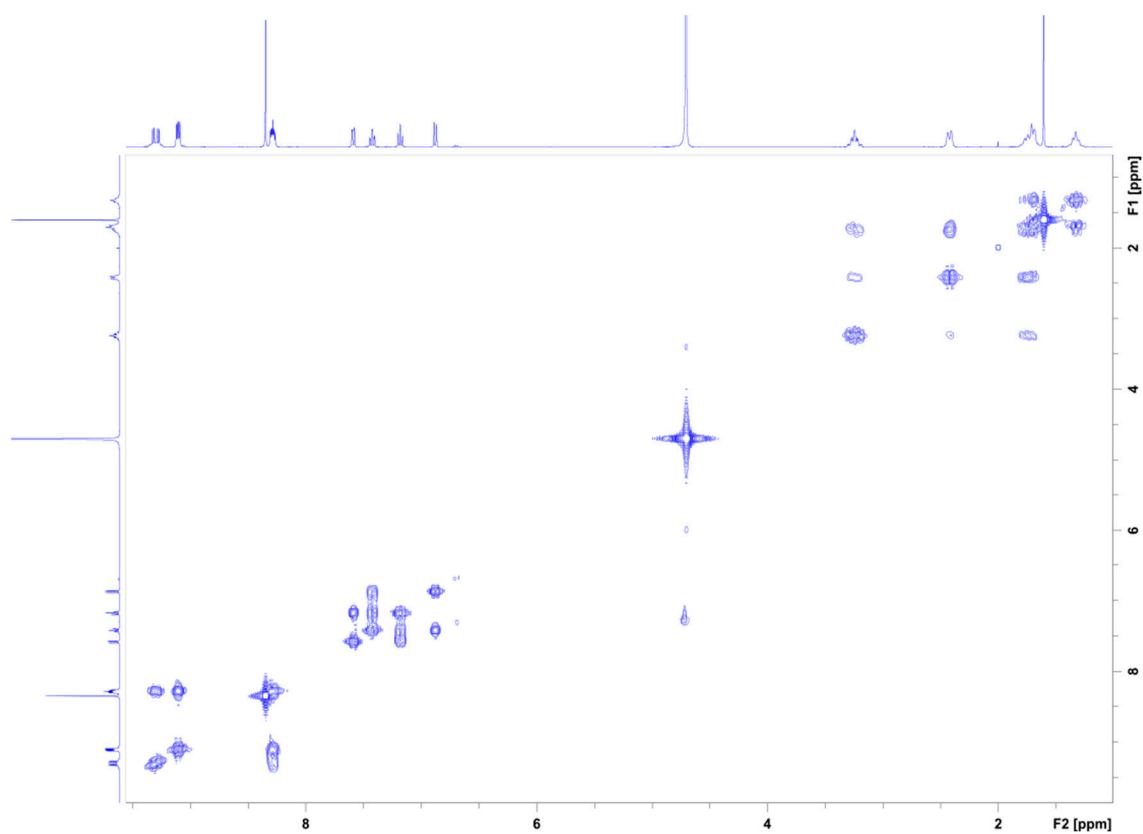


**Figure S13.** The  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{195}\text{Pt}$  HMQC NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(56\text{Me}_2\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Indomethacin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**2**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K.

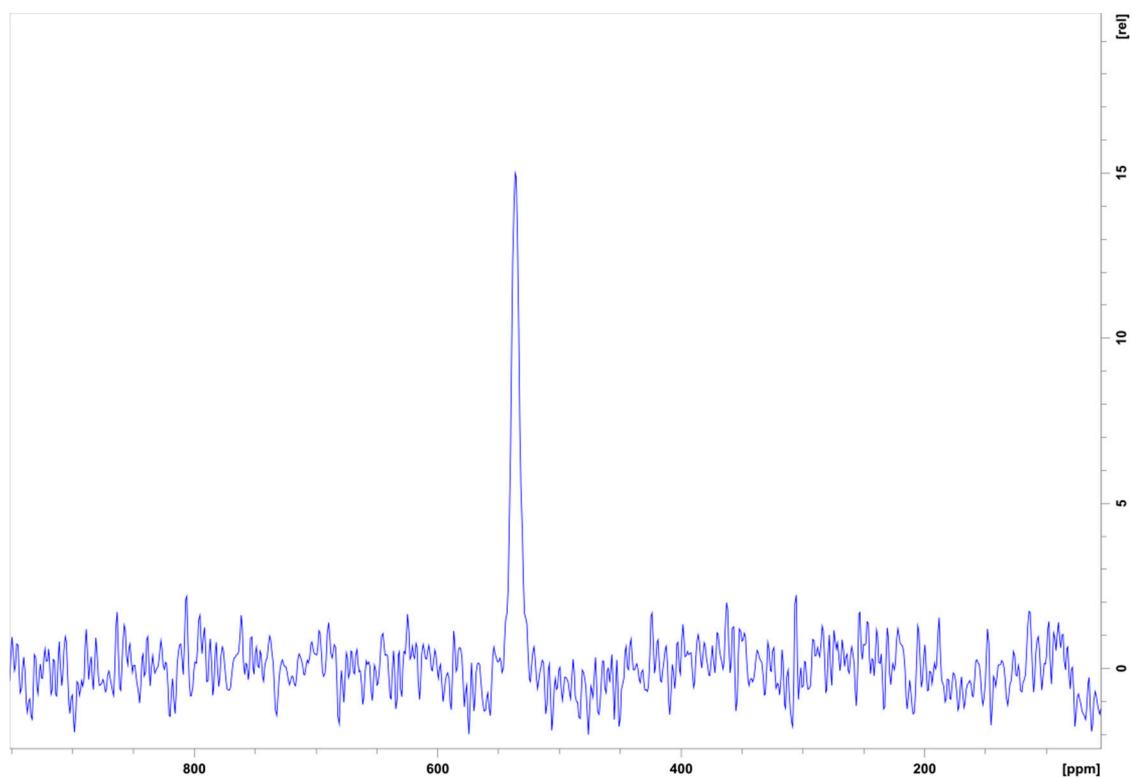


**Figure S14.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Aspirin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**3**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K. Insert: The chemical structure of **3** with assigned numbering.

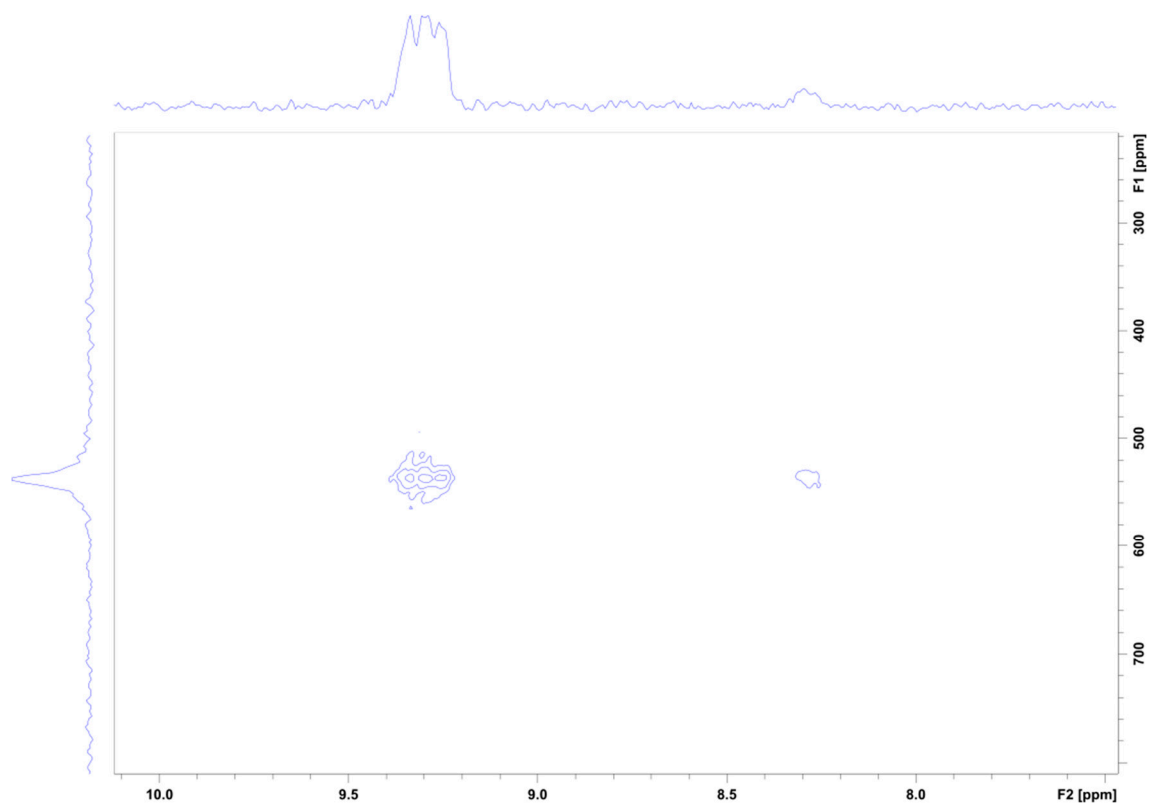




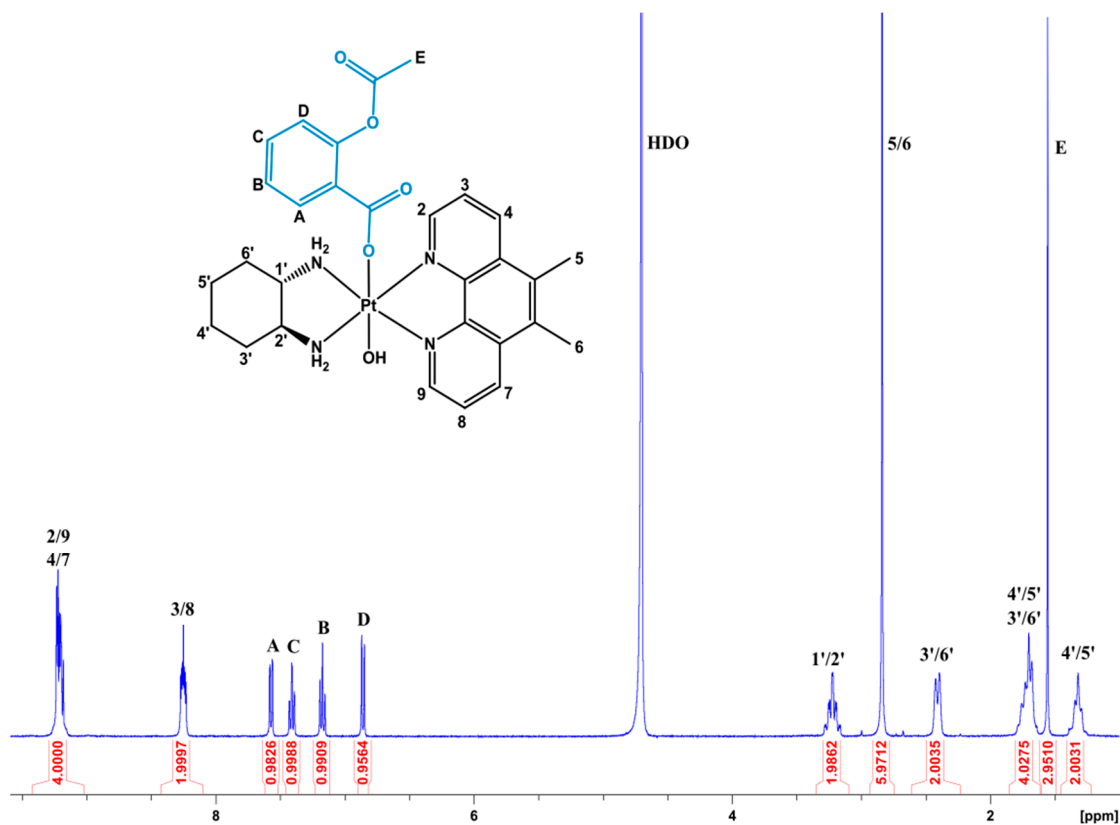
**Figure S15.** The COSY NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Aspirin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**3**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K.



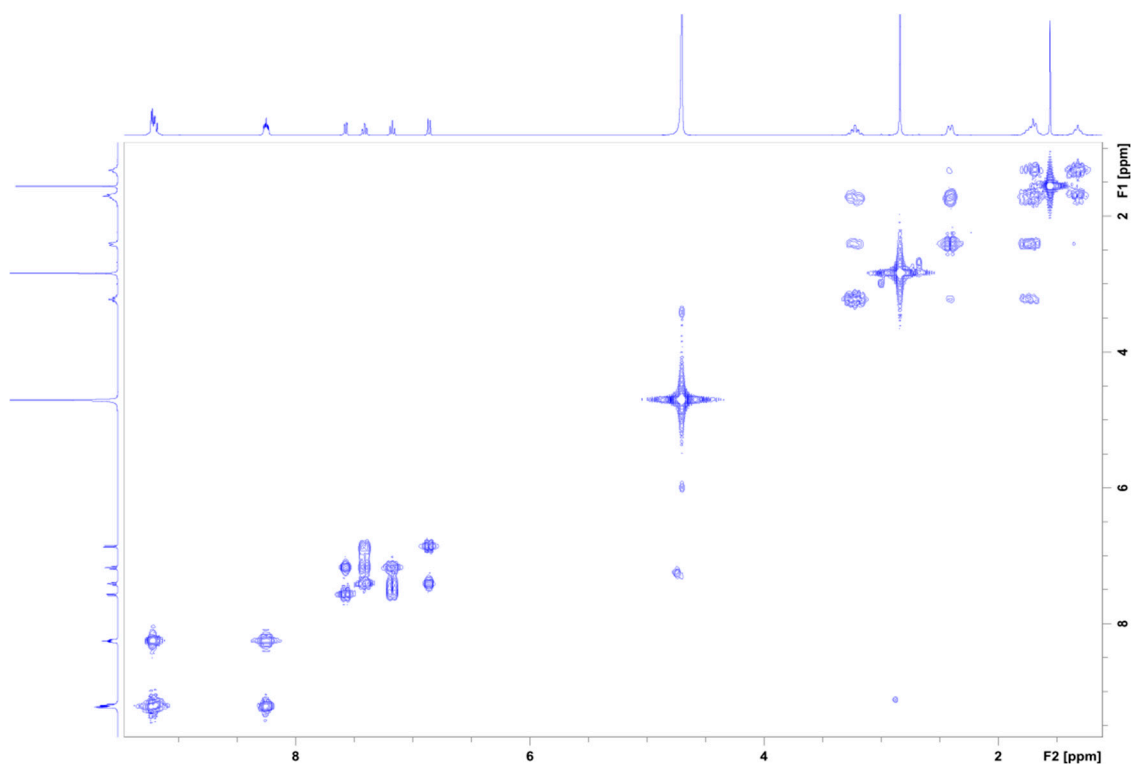
**Figure S16.** The  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Aspirin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**3**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K, showing a peak at 536 ppm.



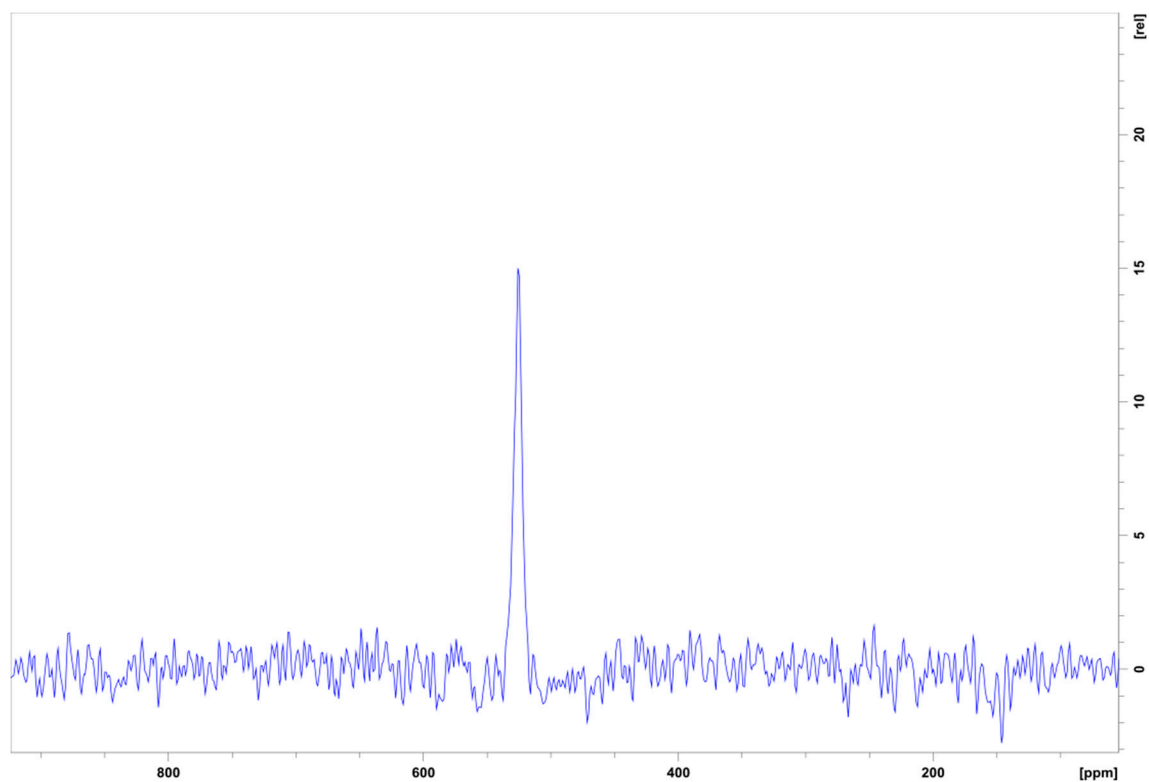
**Figure S17.** The  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{195}\text{Pt}$  HMQC NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Aspirin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**3**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K.



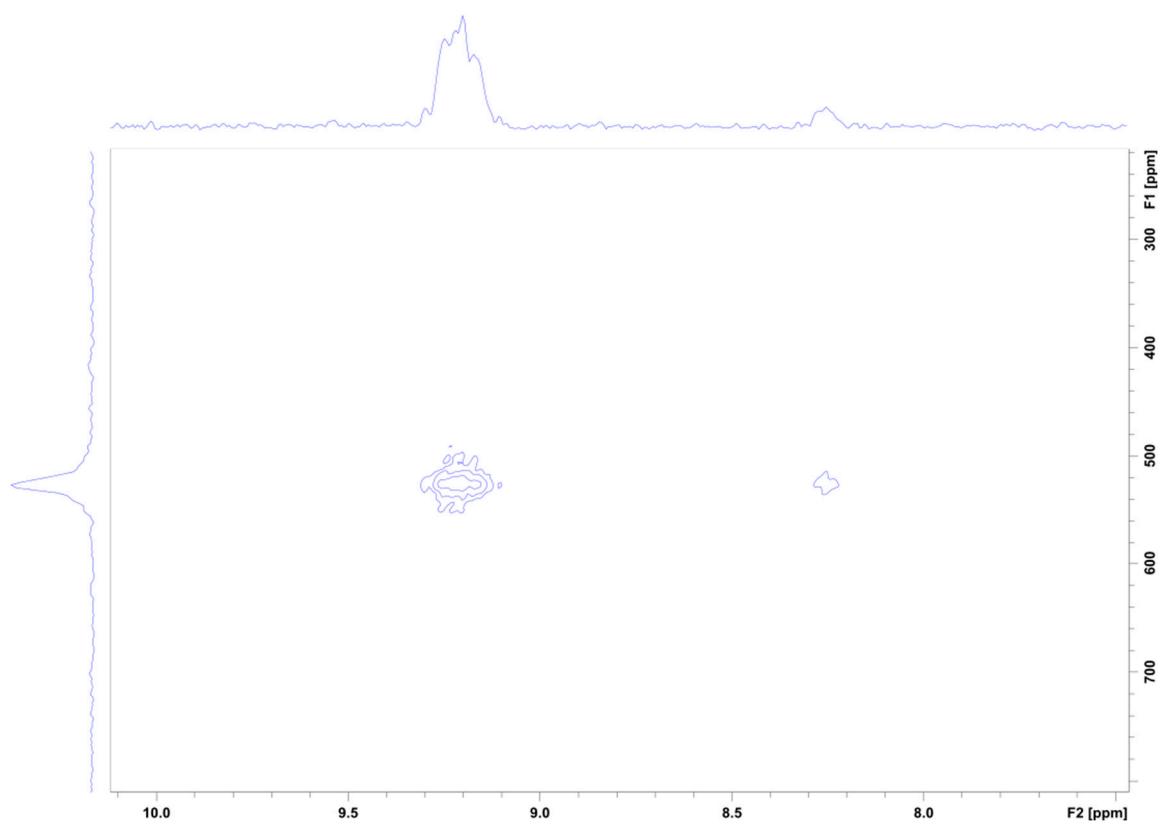
**Figure S18.** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(56\text{Me}_2\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Aspirin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**4**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K. Insert: The chemical structure of **4** with assigned numbering.



**Figure S19.** The COSY NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{56Me}_2\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Aspirin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**4**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K.

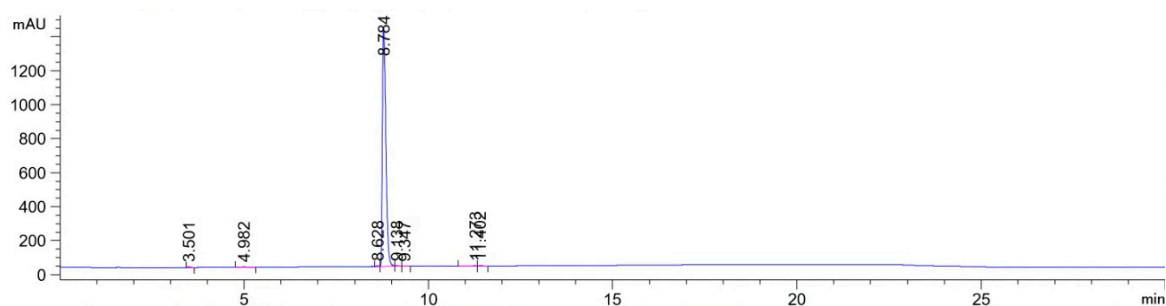


**Figure S20.** The  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{56Me}_2\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Aspirin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**4**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K, showing a peak at 525 ppm.

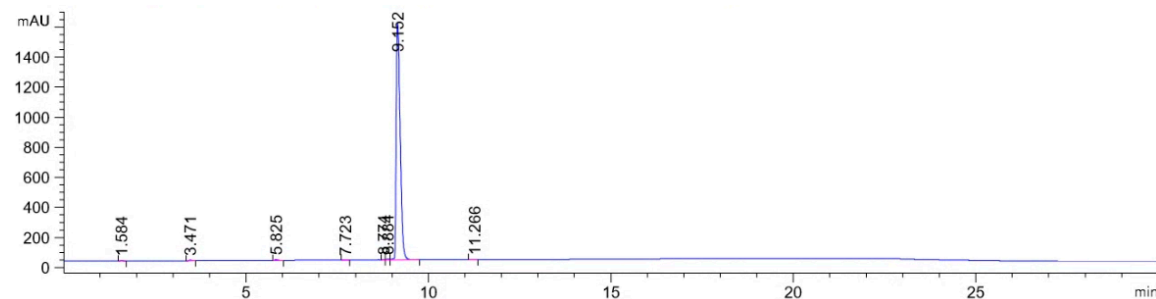


**Figure S21.** The  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{195}\text{Pt}$  HMQC NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(56\text{Me}_2\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Aspirin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**4**) in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 298 K.

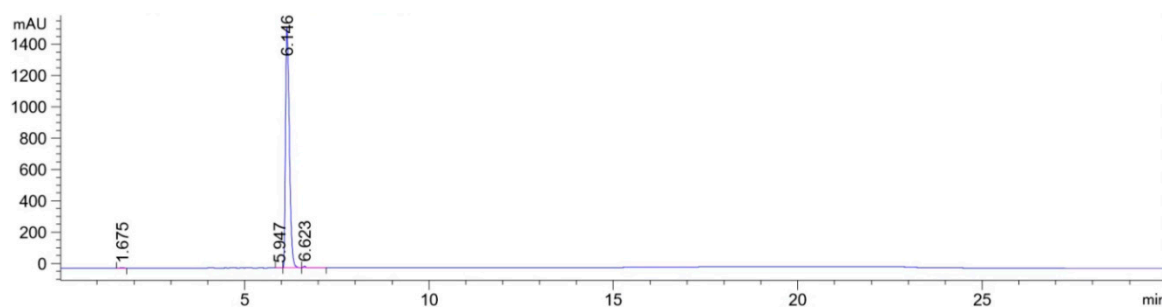
#### 4. HPLC



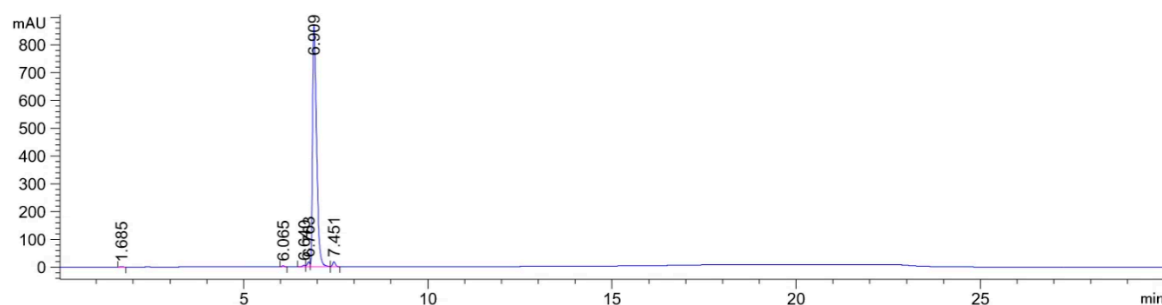
**Figure S22.** The HPLC chromatogram of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Indomethacin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**1**), at 254 nm, at a gradient of 0–100% (ACN: $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 9:1) over 15 min.



**Figure S23.** The HPLC chromatogram of  $[\text{Pt}(56\text{Me}_2\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Indomethacin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**2**), at 254 nm, at a gradient of 0–100% (ACN: $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 9:1) over 15 min.

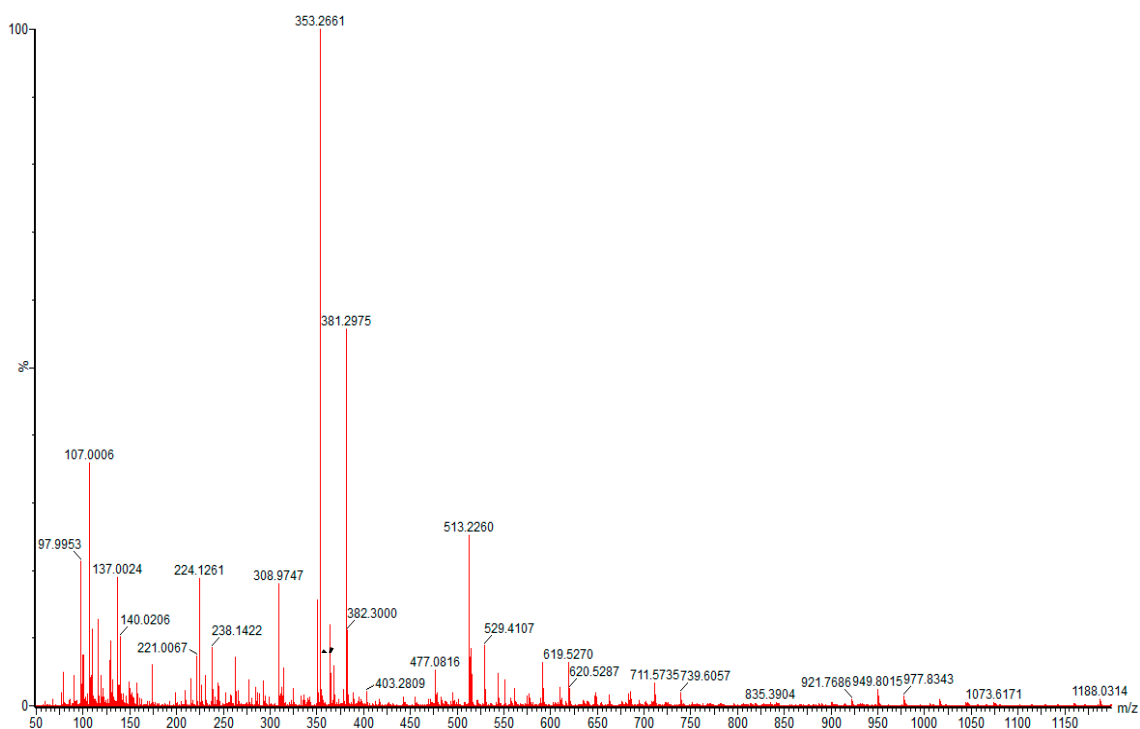


**Figure S24.** The HPLC chromatogram of [Pt(Phen)(SSDACH)(Aspirin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**3**), at 254 nm, at a gradient of 0–100% (ACN:H<sub>2</sub>O, 9:1) over 15 min.

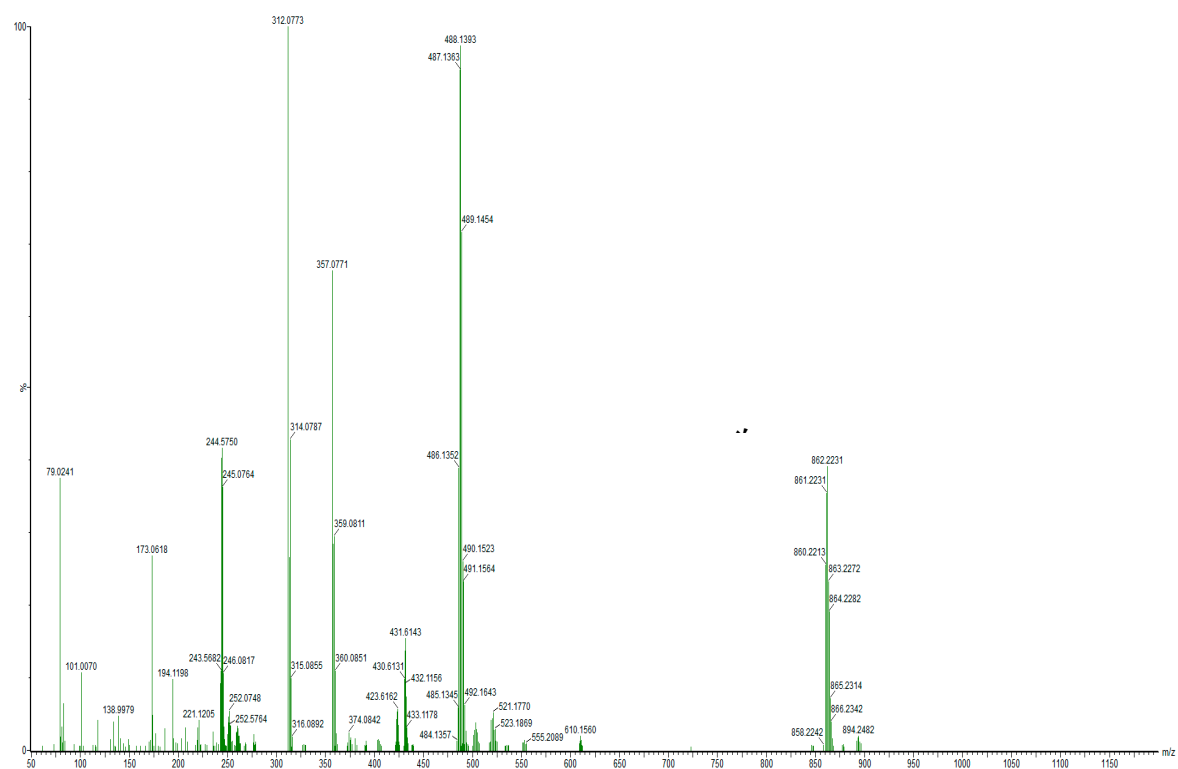
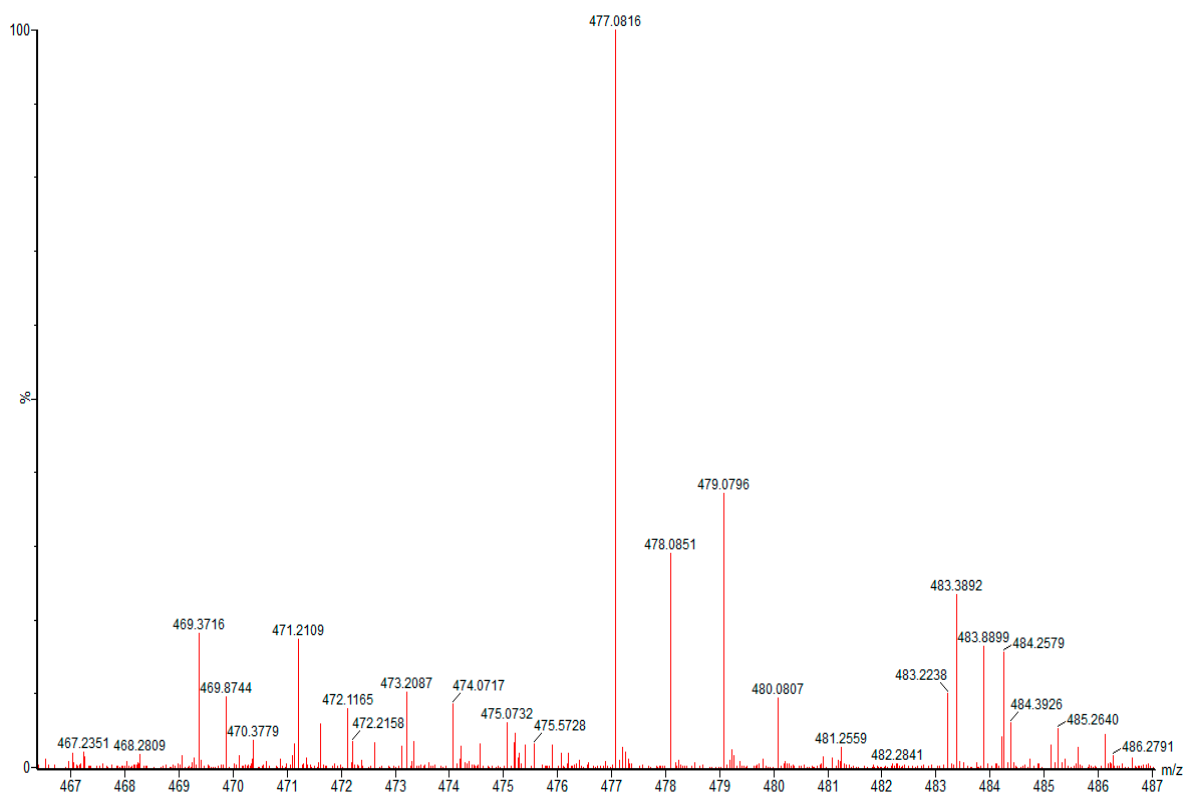


**Figure S25.** The HPLC chromatogram of [Pt(56Me<sub>2</sub>Phen)(SSDACH)(Aspirin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**4**), at 254 nm, at a gradient of 0–100% (ACN:H<sub>2</sub>O, 9:1) over 15 min.

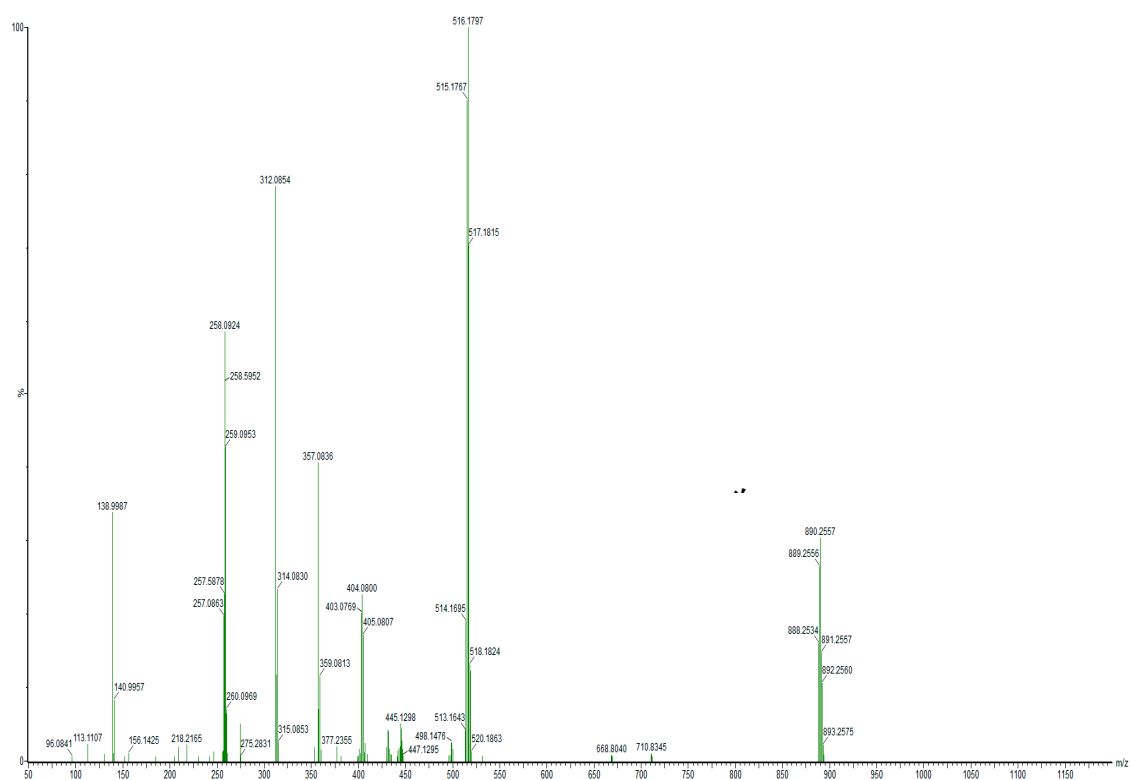
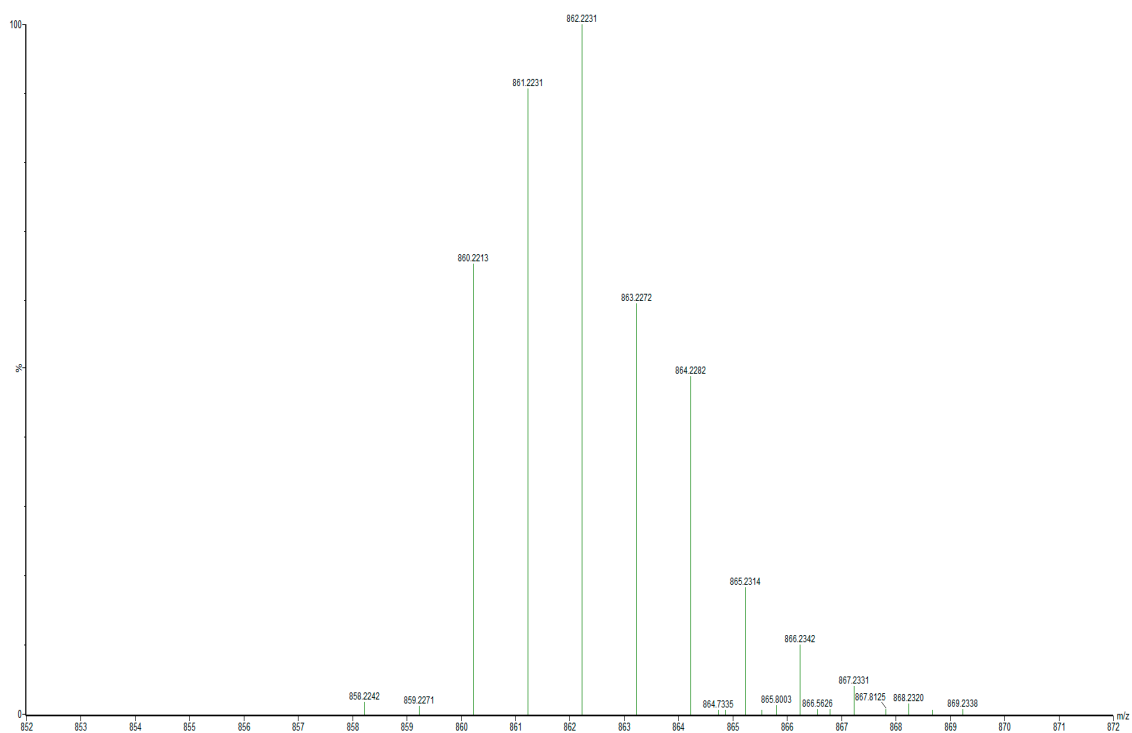
## 5. ESI-MS



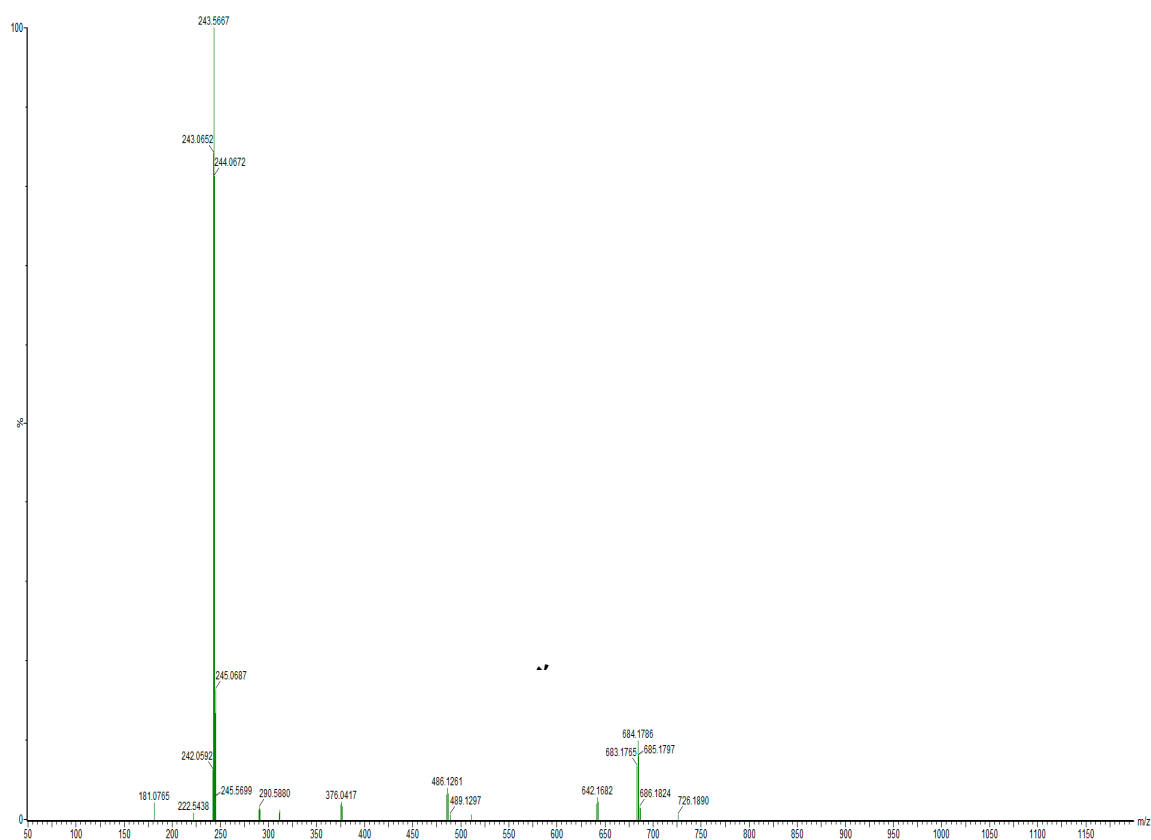
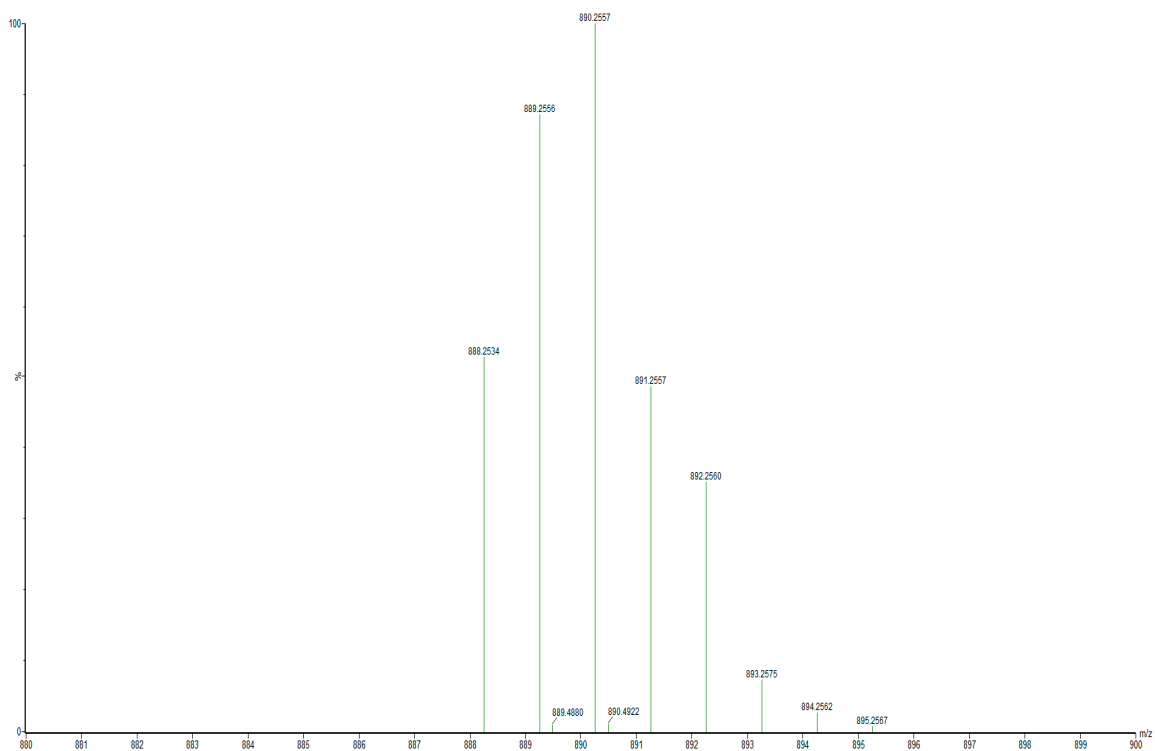
**Figure S26.** Full ESI-MS spectrum of Indomethacin-NHS ester. Below: The expanded region of the [M+Na]<sup>+</sup> peak.



**Figure S27.** Full ESI-MS spectrum of [Pt(Phen)(SSDACH)(Indomethacin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1). Below: The expanded region of the [M]<sup>+</sup> peak.

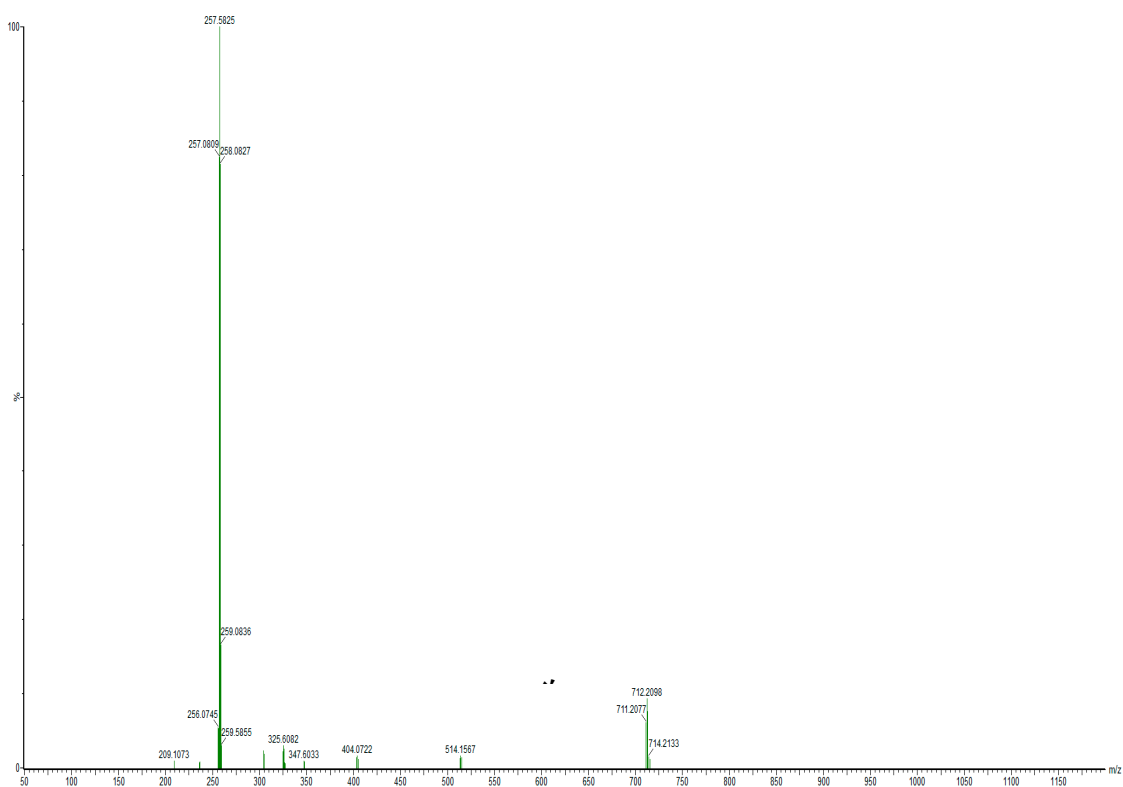
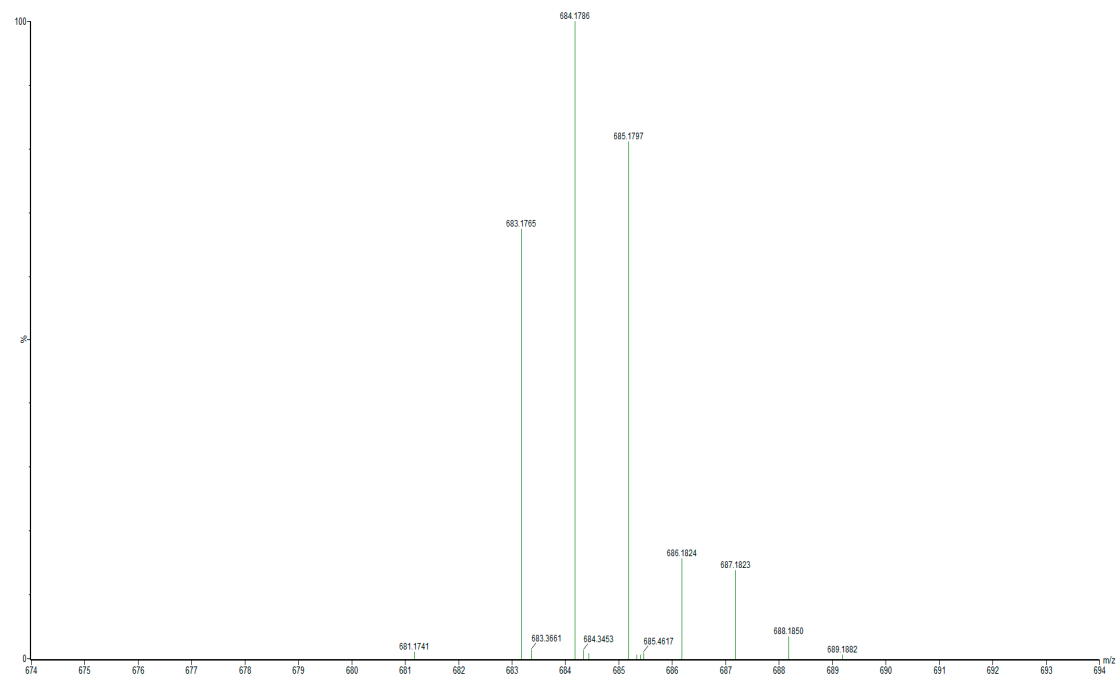


**Figure S28.** Full ESI-MS spectrum of [Pt(56Me<sub>2</sub>Phen)(SSDACH)(Indomethacin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**2**). Below: The expanded region of the [M]<sup>+</sup> peak.



**Figure S29.** Full ESI-MS spectrum of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Aspirin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (**3**). Below: The expanded region of the  $[\text{M}-\text{H}]^+$  peak.





**Figure S30.** Full ESI-MS spectrum of [Pt(56Me<sub>2</sub>Phen)(SSDACH)(Aspirin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**4**). Below: The expanded region of the [M-H]<sup>+</sup> peak.

## 6. Summary of Characterisation Data

Table S3. Summary of characterisation data for 1–4.

Complex	Molecular Formula	Yield (%)	HRMS-ESI Calc. (found)	Electronic spectrum $\lambda_{\max}$ nm ( $\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ )	CD $\lambda_{\max}$ nm (mdeg mol L <sup>-1</sup> )	HPLC purity (%)
1	C <sub>37</sub> H <sub>38</sub> ClN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Pt	65	[M] <sup>+</sup> $m/z$ = 862.2209 (862.2231)	201 (161,400 ± 430), 276 (50,000 ± 115), 303 (16,650 ± 120)	206 (-2.8), 267 (0.3), 290 (-0.4)	98.8
2	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>42</sub> ClN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Pt	63	[M] <sup>+</sup> $m/z$ = 890.2522 (890.2557)	202 (193,500 ± 215), 282 (51,600 ± 145), 313 (19,900 ± 245)	210 (-2.9), 242 (-1.2), 274 (0.7), 295 (-0.9)	99.1
3	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>30</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Pt	69	[M-H] <sup>+</sup> $m/z$ = 684.1786 (684.1786)	202 (94,900 ± 295), 279 (28,900 ± 75), 306 (8050 ± 40)	215 (-2.3)	99.3
4	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Pt	67	[M-H] <sup>+</sup> $m/z$ = 712.2099 (712.2098)	200 (108,200 ± 330), 291 (32,200 ± 105), 317 (7850 ± 25)	216 (-2.1)	96.8

## 7. UV Spectra

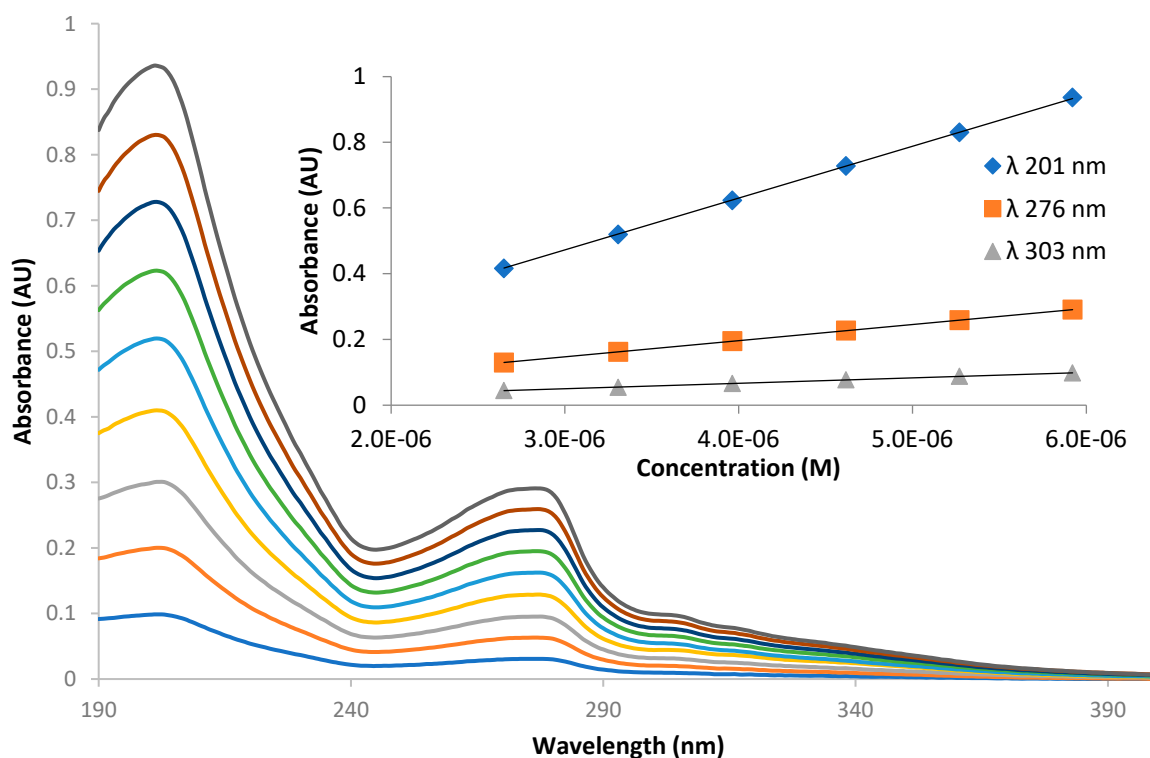
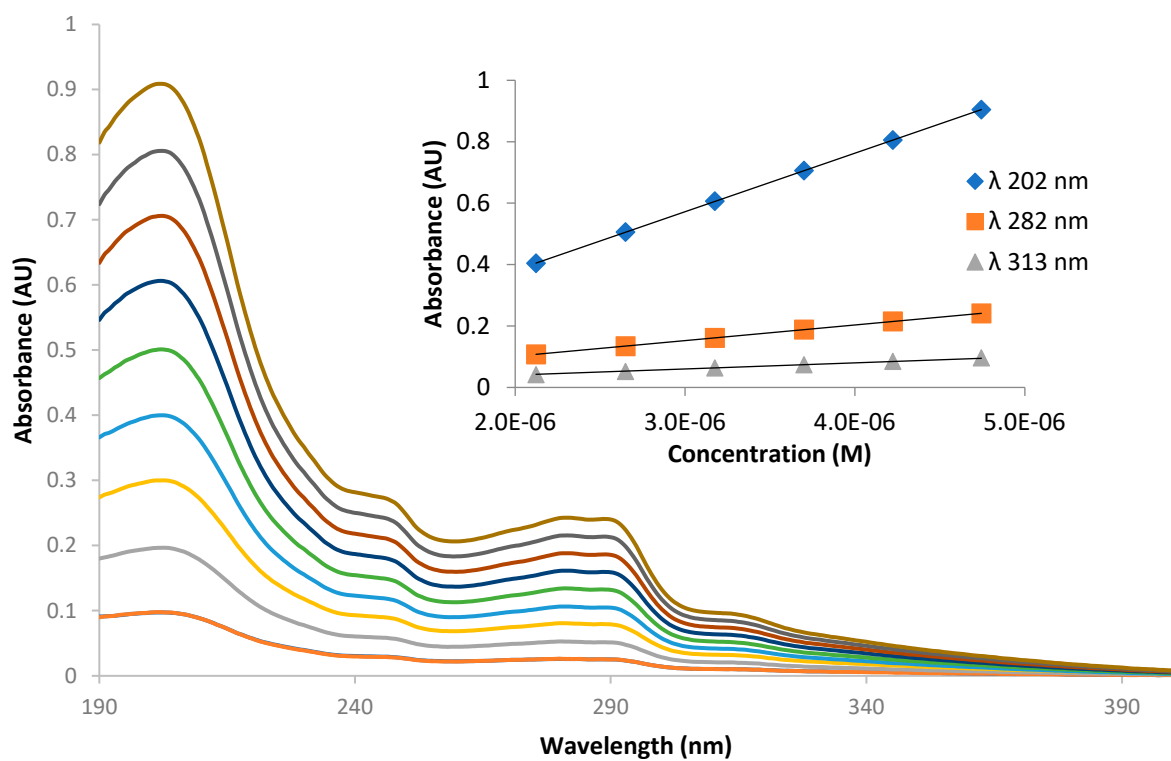
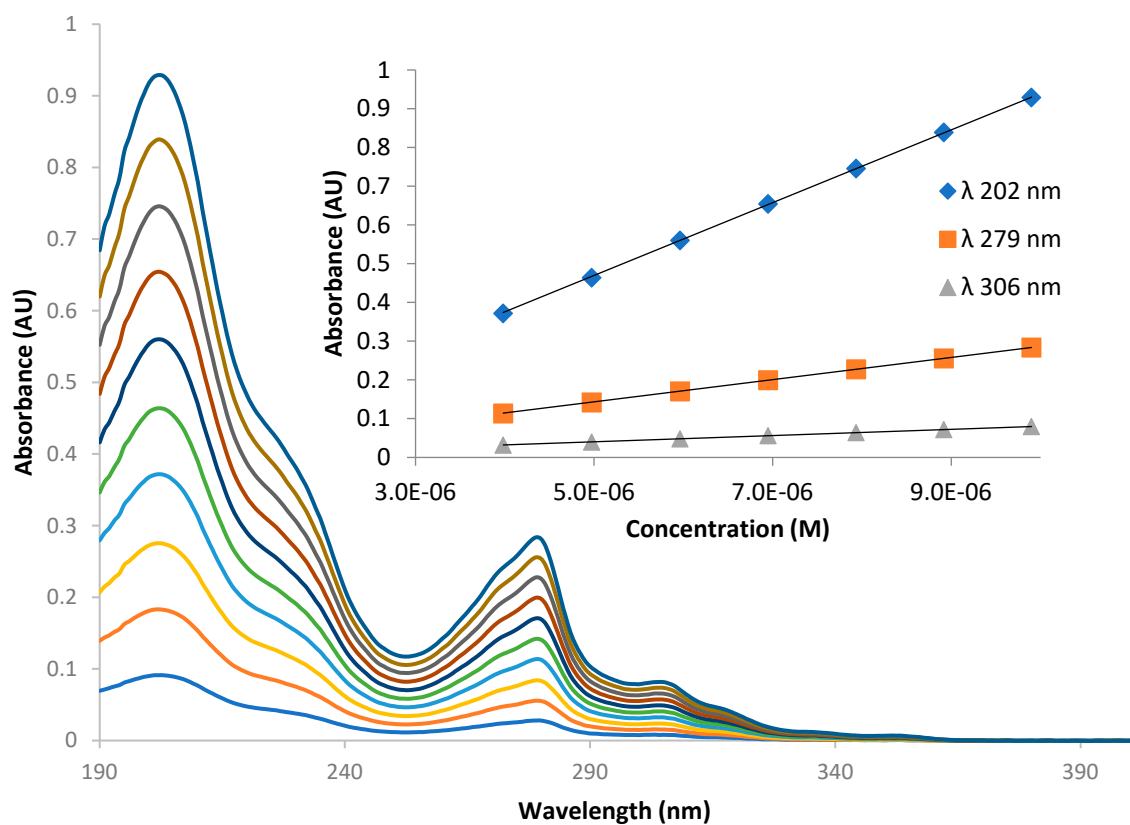


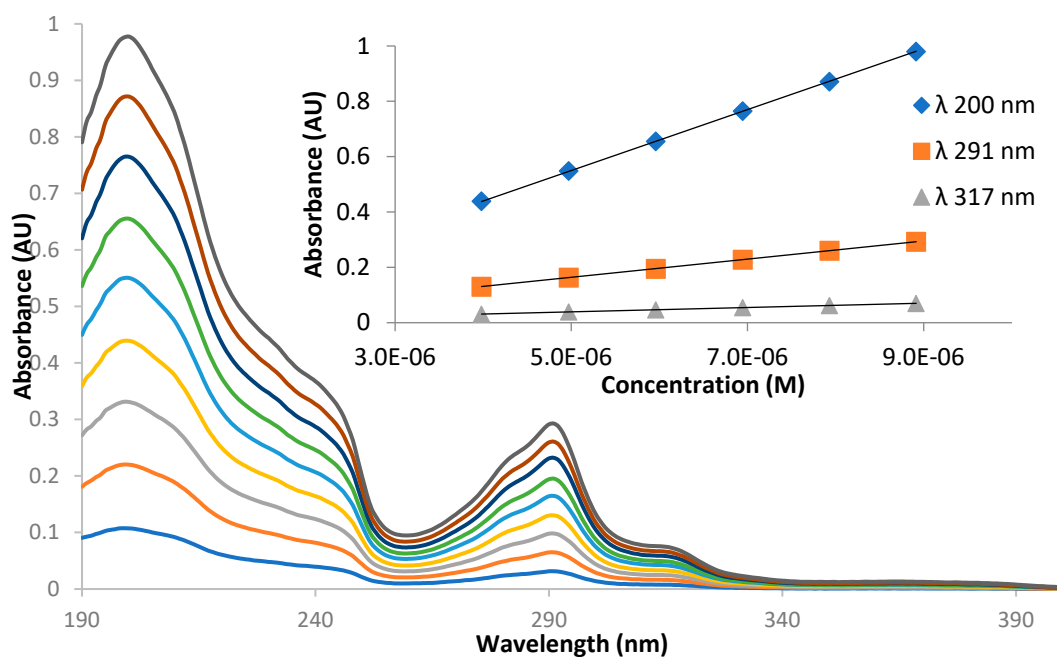
Figure S31. The UV spectrum of a replicate of [Pt(Phen)(SSDACH)(Indomethacin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (1) in water.



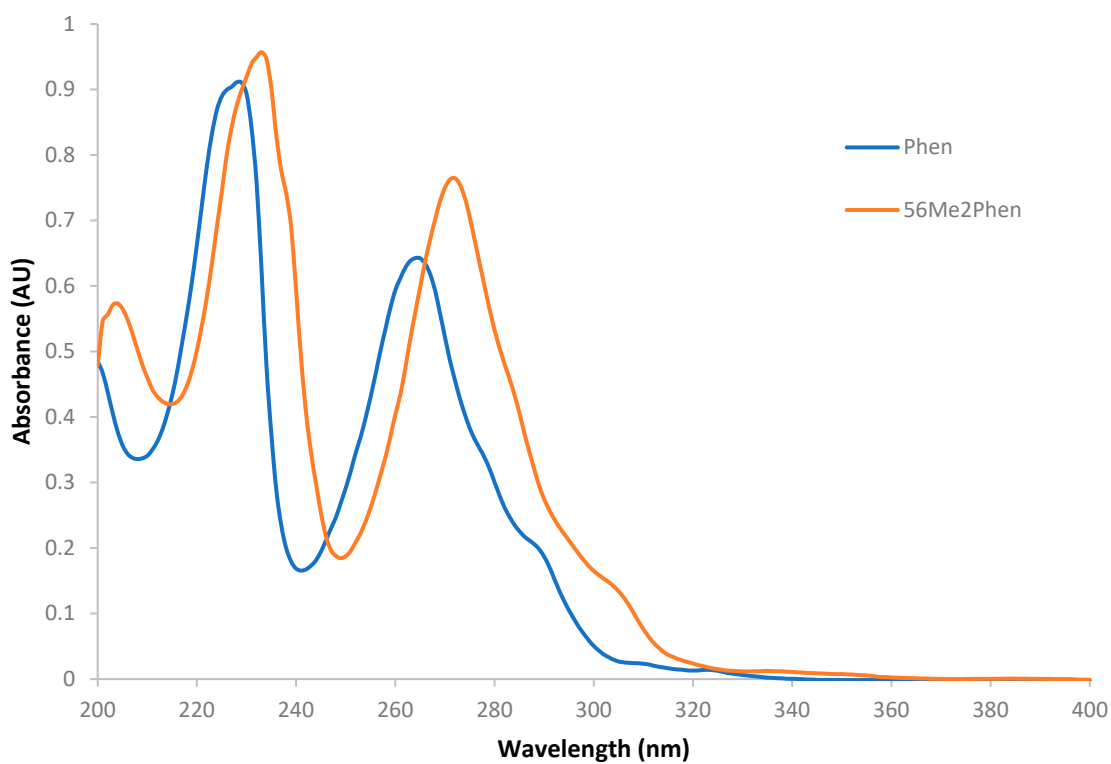
**Figure S32.** The UV spectrum of a replicate of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{56Me}_2\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Indomethacin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (2) in water.



**Figure S33.** The UV spectrum of a replicate of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Aspirin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (3) in water.

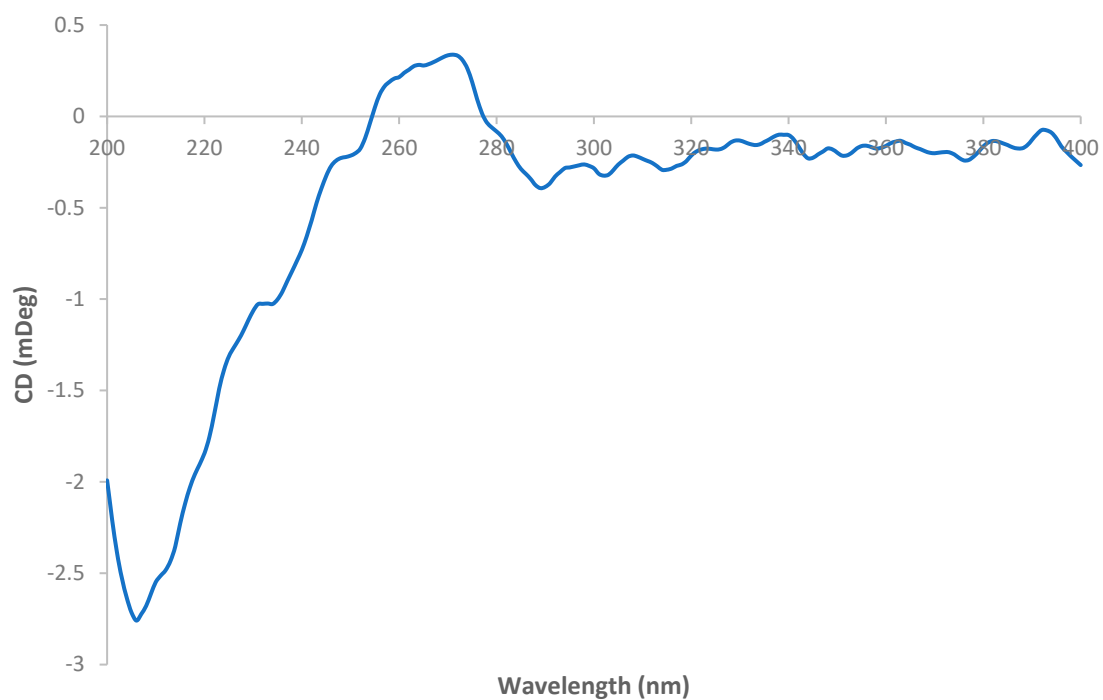


**Figure S34.** The UV spectrum of a replicate of  $[\text{Pt}(\text{56Me}_2\text{Phen})(\text{SSDACH})(\text{Aspirin})(\text{OH})](\text{NO}_3)_2$  (4) in water.

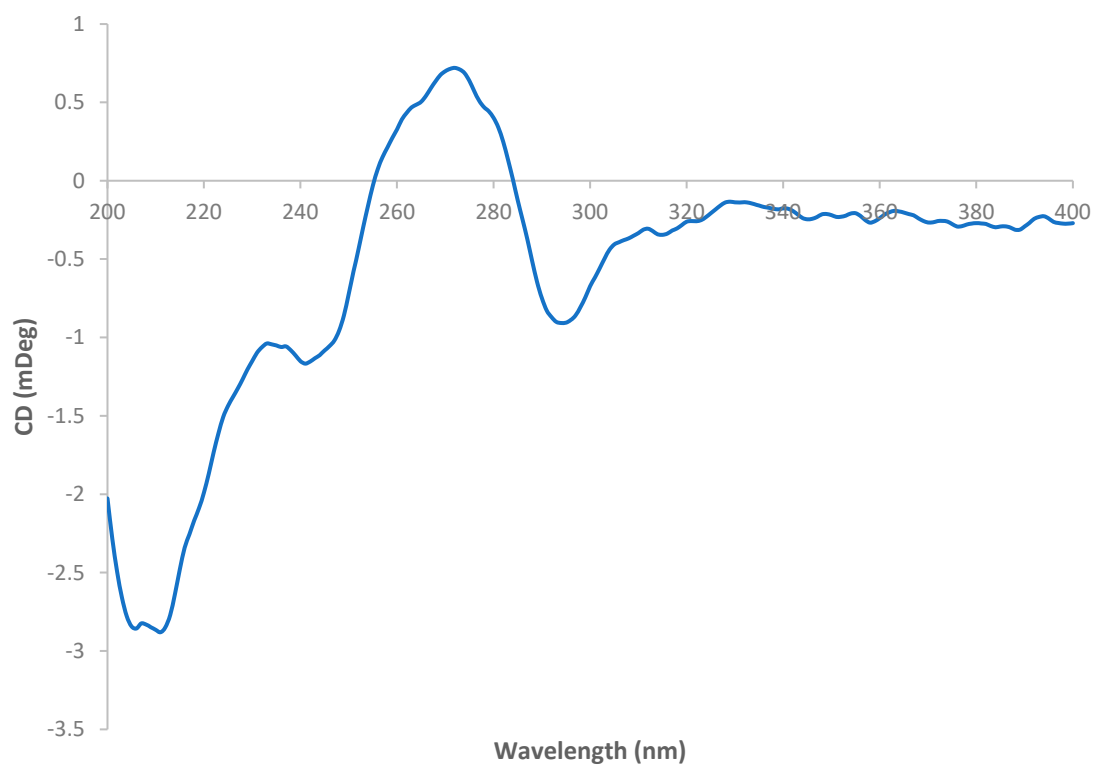


**Figure S35.** The UV spectra of Phen (in water) and 56Me<sub>2</sub>Phen (in MeOH).

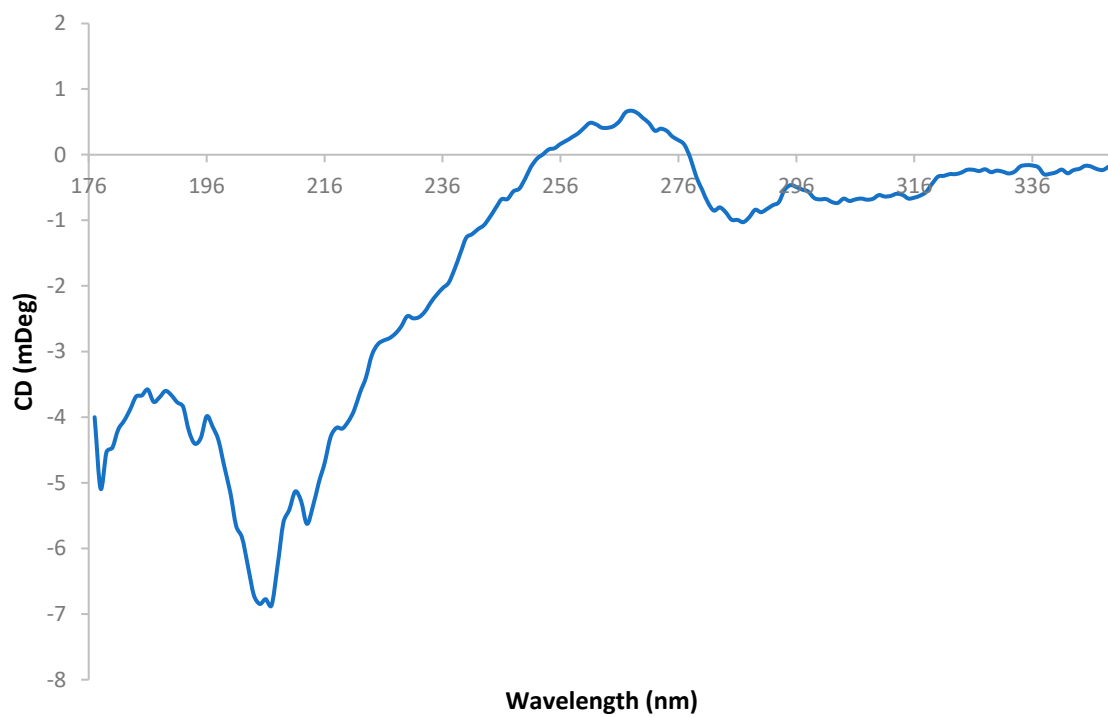
## 8. CD and SRCD Spectra



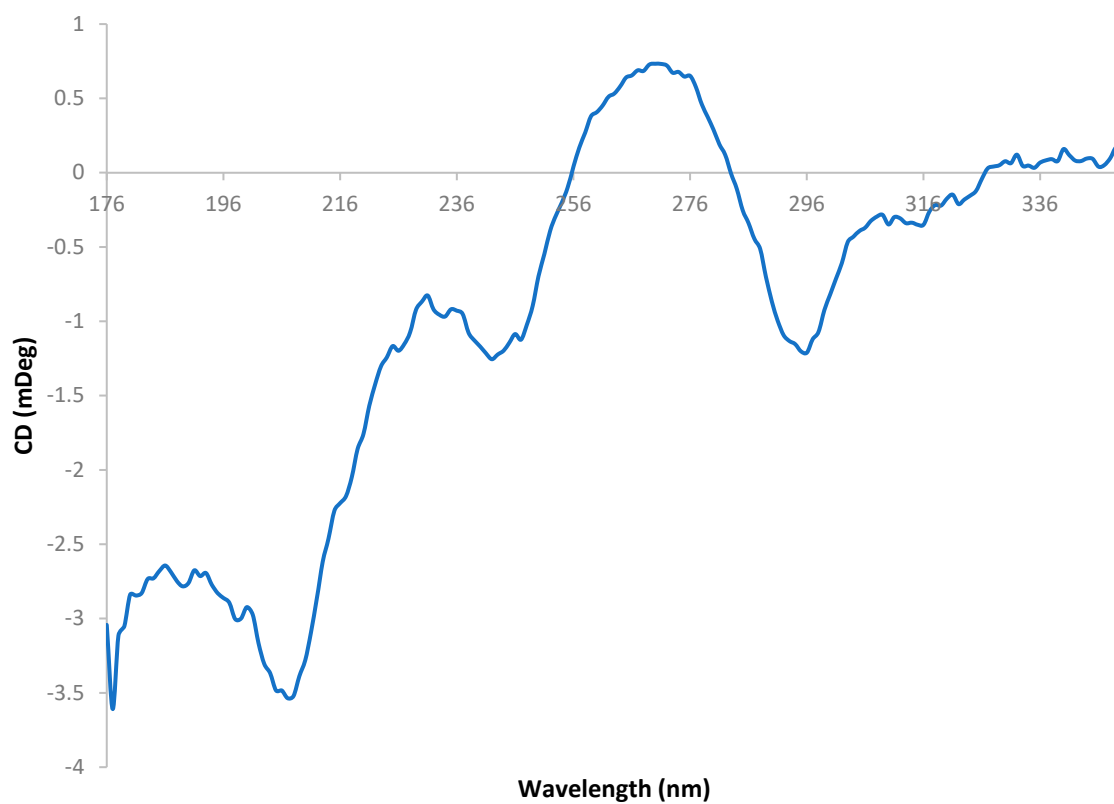
**Figure S36.** The CD spectrum of [Pt(Phen)(SSDACH)(Indomethacin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**1**) in water. 9pt smoothing applied.



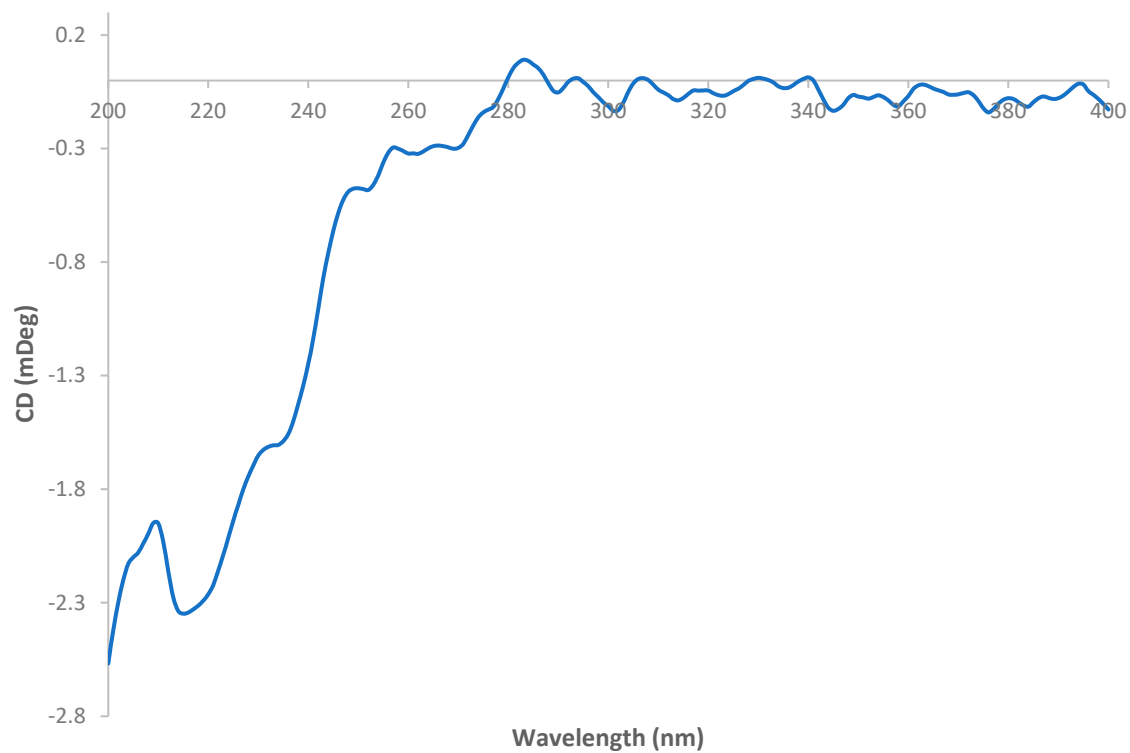
**Figure S37.** The CD spectrum of [Pt(56Me<sub>2</sub>Phen)(SSDACH)(Indomethacin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**2**) in water. 9pt smoothing applied.



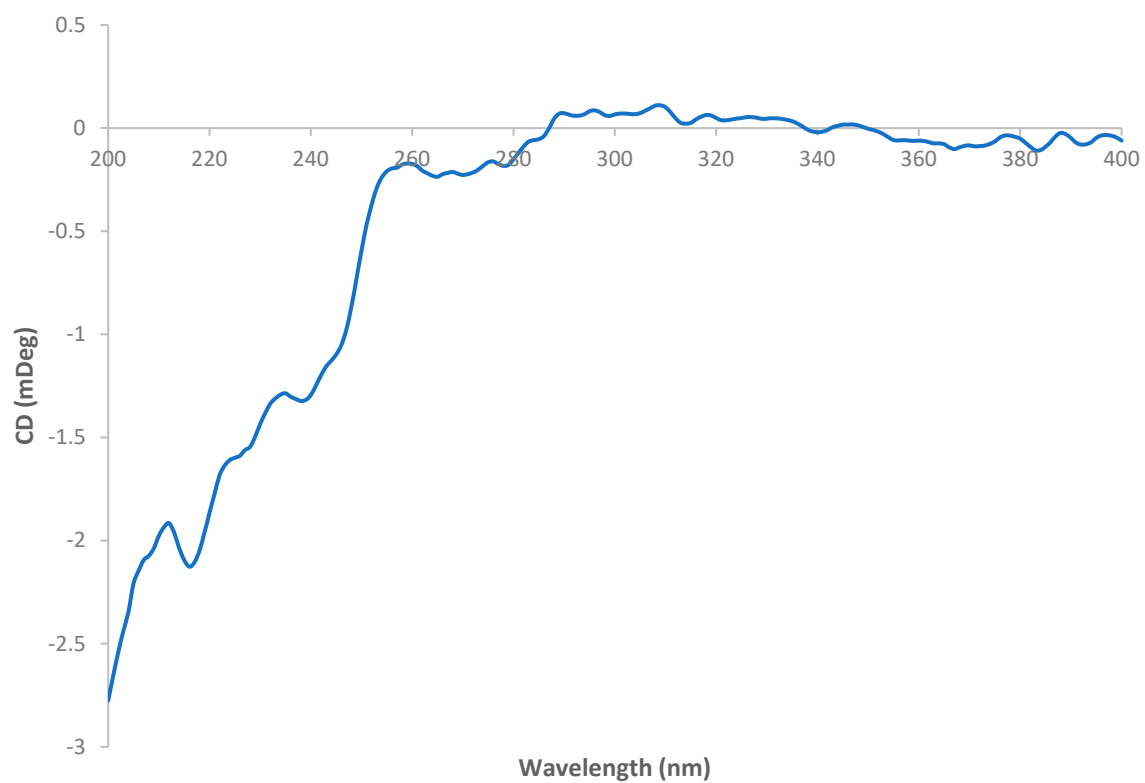
**Figure S38.** The SRCD spectrum of [Pt(Phen)(SSDACH)(Indomethacin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**1**) in water. 7pt smoothing applied.



**Figure S39.** The SRCD spectrum of [Pt(56Me<sub>2</sub>Phen)(SSDACH)(Indomethacin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**2**) in water. 7pt smoothing applied.

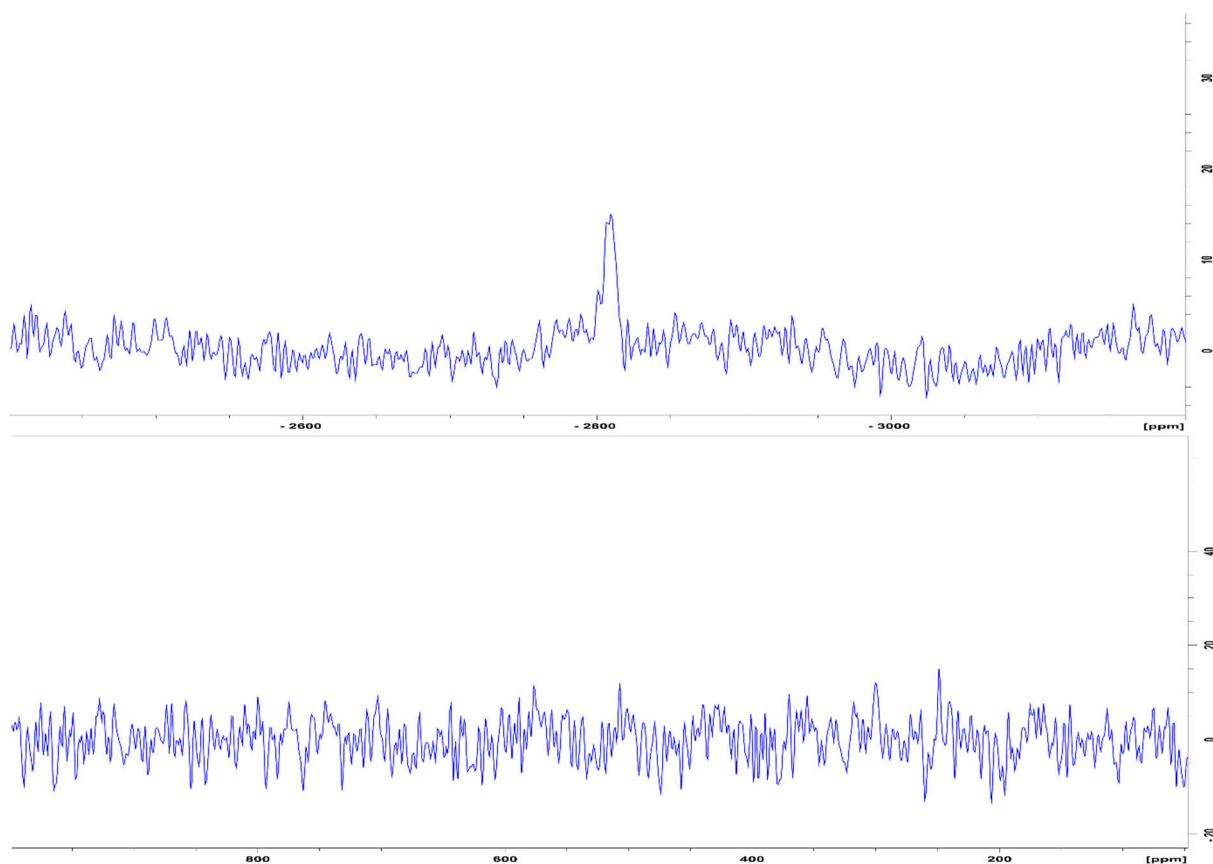


**Figure S40.** The CD spectrum of [Pt(Phen)(SSDACH)(Aspirin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**3**) in water. 9pt smoothing applied.



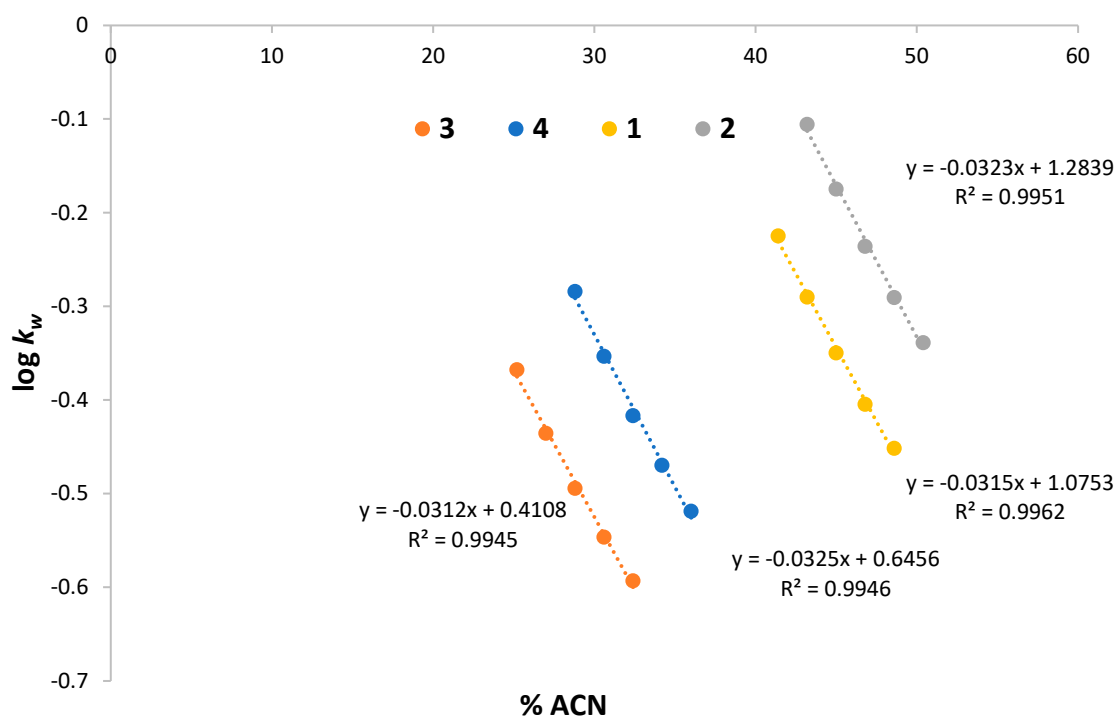
**Figure S41.** The CD spectrum of [Pt(56Me<sub>2</sub>Phen)(SSDACH)(Aspirin)(OH)](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**4**) in water. 9pt smoothing applied.

## 9. Reduction Studies



**Figure S42.** The  $^{195}\text{Pt}$  NMR spectra of **3** with 10X PBS in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  after being reduced with ascorbic acid, showing the new peak that developed in the platinum(II) region (top) and the disappearance of the peak in the platinum(IV) region (bottom).

## 10. Lipophilicity Studies



**Figure S43.** Plot of the concentration of organic solvent vs.  $\log k_w$  for **1–4**.

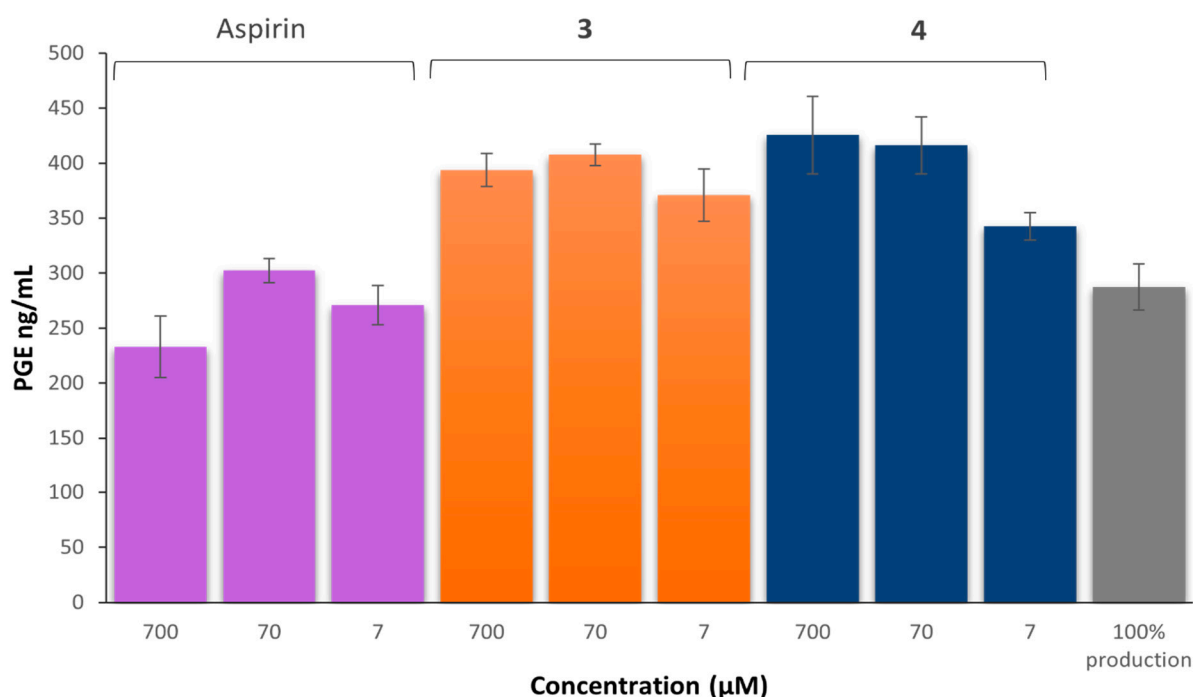


## 11. *In vitro* Cytotoxicity Studies

**Table S4.** The *in vitro* cytotoxicity values of complexes **1–4**, their free ligands, platinum(II) and platinum(IV) di-hydroxido precursors, cisplatin, carboplatin and oxaliplatin. GI<sub>50</sub> values (nM) are reported with standard error of the mean; produced from experiments that were conducted on three separate occasions (n = 3); n.d. = not determined.

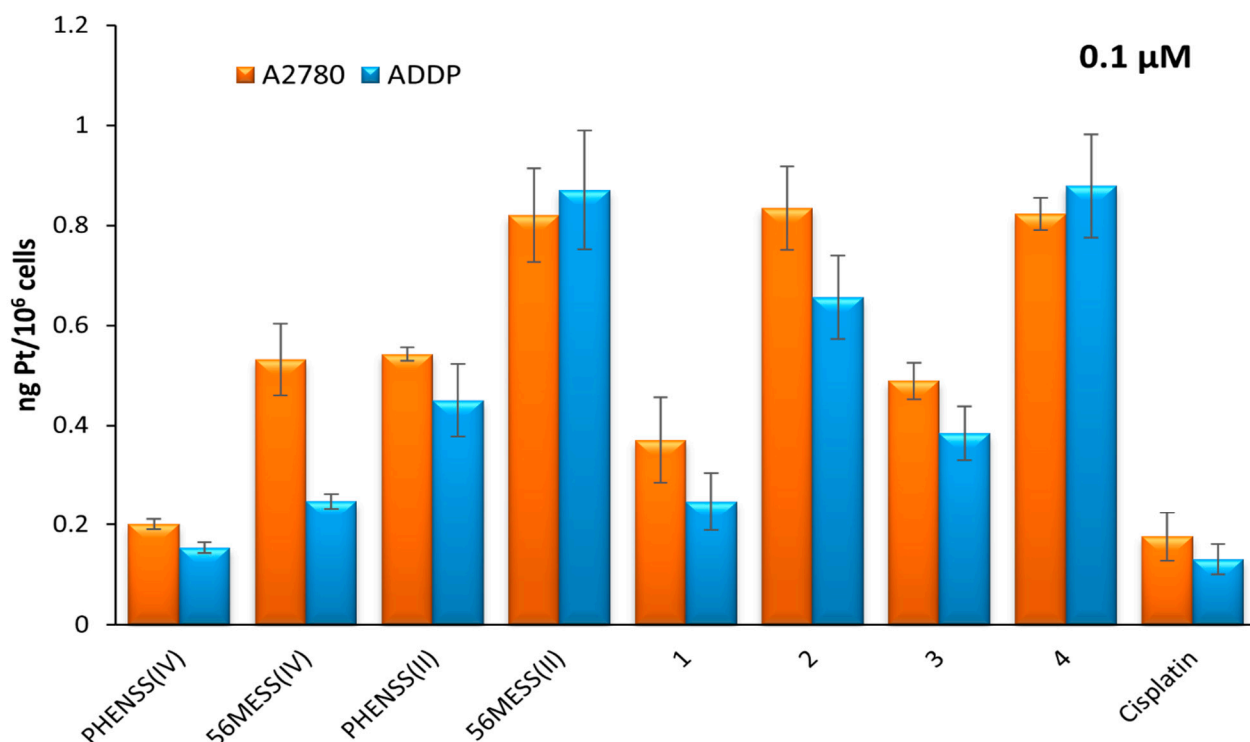
Compound	GI <sub>50</sub> ± SEM (nM)											
	HT29	U87	MCF-7	A2780	H460	A431	Du145	BE2-C	SJ-G2	MIA	MCF10A	ADDP
Indomethacin	>50000	>50000	>50000	5700 ± 800	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000
Aspirin	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000	>50000
<b>1</b>	83 ± 40	1300 ± 270	740 ± 230	390 ± 87	370 ± 55	400 ± 84	160 ± 54	n.d.	970 ± 290	330 ± 55	340 ± 100	350 ± 81
<b>2</b>	13 ± 3.6	47 ± 4.9	37 ± 2.3	34 ± 8.6	22 ± 4.2	40 ± 14	7.5 ± 3.6	130 ± 41	170 ± 19	21 ± 2	23 ± 8.2	24 ± 6.1
<b>3</b>	140 ± 10	600 ± 60	390 ± 80	260 ± 30	350 ± 20	670 ± 100	140 ± 10	620 ± 90	360 ± 60	160 ± 30	210 ± 29	200 ± 0
<b>4</b>	7 ± 1	24 ± 0	36 ± 10	22 ± 0	15 ± 1	31 ± 0	3 ± 1	98 ± 21	63 ± 6	8 ± 1	9 ± 2	12 ± 0
PHENSS(II)	87 ± 27	1200 ± 340	250 ± 41	290 ± 37	300 ± 32	340 ± 100	110 ± 27	390 ± 60	440 ± 55	240 ± 22	240 ± 60	230 ± 49
56MESS(II)	15 ± 6.2	76 ± 8.7	33 ± 12	39 ± 7.7	28 ± 4.7	36 ± 11	10 ± 1.3	86 ± 3	150 ± 6.7	22 ± 0.88	25 ± 10	27 ± 4.1
PHENSS(IV) [1]	710 ± 300	4900 ± 610	16000 ± 4500	800 ± 84	1700 ± 200	4300 ± 530	310 ± 92	3000 ± 530	1700 ± 350	3400 ± 2200	1700 ± 200	1300 ± 350
56MESS(IV)	36 ± 7	190 ± 23	480 ± 140	56 ± 7.1	190 ± 150	120 ± 22	15 ± 2.6	240 ± 22	210 ± 45	43 ± 2.5	61 ± 7.3	170 ± 120
Cisplatin [2]	11300 ± 1900	3800 ± 1100	6500 ± 800	1000 ± 100	900 ± 200	2400 ± 300	1200 ± 100	1900 ± 200	400 ± 100	7500 ± 1300	5200 ± 520	28000 ± 1700
Oxaliplatin [2]	900 ± 200	1800 ± 200	500 ± 100	160 ± 0	1600 ± 100	4100 ± 500	2900 ± 400	900 ± 200	3000 ± 1200	900 ± 200	n.d.	822 ± 130
Carboplatin [2]	>50000	>50000	>50000	9200 ± 2900	14000 ± 1000	24300 ± 2200	14700 ± 1200	18700 ± 1200	5700 ± 200	>50000	>50000	>50000

## 12. COX Inhibition Assay



**Figure S44.** Inhibition of human COX- 2 by aspirin, **3** and **4**. Error bars are the average of triplicates from one experiment.

### 13. Platinum Uptake Studies



**Figure S45.** Cellular accumulation levels of **1–4**, their platinum(II) and platinum(IV) precursors and cisplatin against A2780 (ovarian) and ADDP (cisplatin-resistant ovarian) cancer cells that were treated with 0.1  $\mu$ M for 4 hours. Values are reported in ng Pt/10<sup>6</sup> cells and are reported with standard error of the mean; produced from three independent experiments.

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